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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

America hopes Soviet Russia, in repelling the Nazi invaders, strikes hard and often, and with the same luck as followed her policy of fomenting strikes in America.

The Twilight League of Lost Creek, Modoc County, Calif., plans a social breakfast. It looks like a conspiracy to stage a picnic before the ants and chiggers are up.

The high school militarists and city park field marshals hold now is a fine time for Britain's air force to drop two of their "super-bombs" on Berlin for every one dropped on channel ports and northern France.

"GIRL PRISONER GIVES CAPTOR SLIP" —(Hillside Ohio State Journal)—Strip-tease stuff.

SAY SO PROMPTLY!
(New York Times)
"More than that, she reported the full name is Chaugogogmanchaugogochaubun-agnunamaug, but that tongue-twister is usually abbreviated to the last six syllables, and kind sir, it means: "You fish on your side, I fish on my side, nobody shall fish in the middle."

Due to the defense emergency the country is running out of everything it formerly had too much of, with the exception of 10-penny nails.

There has been more rain and brides this June than usual. Because of the moisture, farmers are figuring on building an ark to house the threshing machine during the harvest.

"AT HOME IS EVENT OF SUNDAY" —(Hillside society page Salem Statesman)—With some of the boys and girls, it's something to talk about any day of the week.

HAPPY ENDING
(Lexington (Ore) News)
The pickup that Billy Nichols was driving Saturday afternoon sustained a bent fender. It seems Billy had stopped at the intersection and started across, but did not see a car coming from the lone direction. The lone car had good brakes and used them.

It now appears, the Elks old tom-cat has joined the army of cats who never came back, sad to tell. He has been in parts unknown for two weeks this day, and has been officially listed as no more.

To date, no motorist going 13 mph, has been accused of going 55 mph contrary to the new speed law. To which the esteemed K. Falls Herald opines sagaciously: "You can't drive a new car from a hospital bed, or the morgue." There is also the snappy observation for speed idiots, "The hearse always goes slow."

"San Francisco, June 23—(U.P.)—Asked his interpretation of the German attack on Russia, German Consul General Fritz Wiedemann said: "It looks like war." —(Press Dispatch)—Well within the range of possibility, if and when.

Hunts Denver Offices
Denver, Colo., U.P.—The federal government is having difficulty finding sufficient office space in Denver. The largest single renter in the city with four major office buildings for agencies, government officials are faced with a serious problem to find room for such new offices as the mountain states headquarters of the anti-trust division.

What! No "Reds" in Strikes?

WELL, well, after a long (and we trust, enjoyable) vacation one of our anonymous communicants has come to life again.

In the familiar minute long-hand he (or she!) thus chides the skipper of this department:

"So the reds have been engineering these defense strikes, have they, and now the strikes will stop because Stalin is at war with Adolf? What a sucker you are for the war propagandist, and the professional witch-burners of Wall Street. There are only 50,000 reds out of 130,000,000 people, and they have no more to do with these walk-outs than you have,—not as much!"

To which we reply, in the vernacular, "so YOU think!"

THIS department has always been allergic to the professional red hunter and witch burner, as a perusal of the files of this paper will demonstrate.

On the other hand, we have refused to go to the other extreme, and swallow the Moscow pap, that there is no organized communist machine whatever operating in the United States, except in the overwrought and undeveloped brain of Mr. Martin Dies.

THE truth, as usual in such matters, lies somewhere between the two extremes, and it is this middle ground we have occupied. Moreover it is FROM that middle ground that we reiterate,—there IS a subversive communistic organization operating in this country, has been for years and it has been the chief factor in fomenting these defense strikes in the U. S. A.

AS to precisely what immediate effect this surprising war development may have on the American strike situation, remains to be seen. But that it will ultimately have a vital effect there can be little doubt. John M. Hightower, Associated Press correspondent in Washington, D. C., thinks it will have an immediate effect, as the following signed dispatch in today's wire report shows:—

Washington, June 25.—(P)—Defense officials predicted today that one by-product of the Russo-German war would be an end to communist-inspired strikes in United States defense industries.

Communist leaders, these officials said, must now conceive their interests to lie with the opponents of Germany, whereas until the Nazi thrust into Russia last weekend exactly the reverse was true.

One authority forecast that not only would communists cease strike agitation but that they would go to the other extreme to speed up production of armaments. "They undoubtedly will begin to argue," he said, "that workers unwilling to put in 65 hours a week are unpatriotic and fascistic."

THE Associated Press may be mistaken regarding the IMMEDIACY of the reaction. But we feel there can be no mistake regarding the ultimate effect upon the enthusiasm and motivation of the ultra-radical elements in this country.

For certainly this unexpected Nazi attack upon Soviet Russia takes the props completely out from under the beautiful picture painted in Moscow and copied in every communist headquarters in this country,—the picture that symbolized the justice of the campaign the reds were conducting.

Yes, up until last Saturday night, this conflict, to them, was just another imperialistic war, foisted upon a hard-working and peace-loving proletariat by the wicked international bankers and the soulless interlocking directorate of the capitalistic munition trust.

Just what it is now will have to wait upon the next ukase from the All-Highest in the Kremlin!

The "Nation" Says There Are

THE NATION is one of the most distinguished and most liberal weeklies of opinion in the United States.

Under the editorship of Mrs. Freda Kirchwey, it has been one of the most uncompromising and zealous defenders of organized labor in the literary field,—so much so, in fact, that during the past decade it has lost scores of its oldest, and more conservative, subscribers.

It is, therefore, not surprising to find Editor Kirchwey somewhat skeptical regarding the F. B. I. accusation that recent strikes on the Pacific Coast have been directed from the Kremlin.

But it is interesting,—and also significant, we believe,—that Mrs. Kirchwey doesn't dismiss such a charge ENTIRELY, and DOES frankly admit that there are communists in the American labor movement who are continually boring from within, and therefore represent a serious menace to the entire labor movement at this extremely critical time.

We quote, in part, from Mrs. Kirchwey's leading article in the current issue:

The strikes on the West Coast may or may not have been directed from the Kremlin. I don't believe they were. The theory that Stalin was trying to improve his bargaining position with Hitler by demonstrating his ability to sabotage the American defense program seems to me far-fetched even in this fantastic mid-war year. But that theory is not necessary to explain Communist strategy in the strikes. The comrades have fish to fry nearer home than Moscow. They want, first of all, to control the unions; to strengthen their own position behind the isolationist leadership of Lewis while weakening the pro-administration elements behind Murray and Thomas. Second, they want to sabotage defense. Opposing the whole program and the foreign policy that underlies it, they naturally intend to lay hands on the rich pickings in power and prestige offered by the defense boom, even if they slow up production in the process. Third, they want to create exactly the reaction they have created—in Congress and in the country. Anger and a blind determination to stop defense strikes at any repressive legislation. Obviously this is what the Communists need. They have argued from the start of the European struggle that "war hysteria" in the United States would bring legislation directed against labor's rights, and in the end produce home-grown fascism. Now they have created the objective conditions which may prove their prophecies, and so their entire position, correct. Some elements in Congress seem determined to fall in with Communist strategy and pass just the sort of laws they are angling for.

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.

WE ARE HEALTHIER THAN WE WERE WHEN THE WORLD WAR BEGUN

If fragmentary reports of rejection or deferment of a considerable per cent of groups of drafted men when they are called up for physical examination have caused any anxiety concerning the fitness of men today, don't give it another worry. Without citing statistics—of which there are plenty—I may say that there is no room for doubt about the physical efficiency of American men and women today.



As a nation we are certainly healthier and more vigorous than we were when the World War began. The present fighting is resumption of the World War rather than a new war.

Owing to the more rigid tests of the present draftees and volunteers a considerable number are rejected or deferred for conditions which would have escaped recognition or detection altogether in 1917. At that time X-ray was not used to discover lung disease which may produce no obvious signs or symptoms in the early stage.

In 1917 men about to join up were not given the Wassermann test. The medical examination today includes several laboratory tests for evidence of disease which were not included in the medical examination 25 years ago.

Of the 26,000,000 men registered in the draft in 1917-18 about three out of every four in the midwestern states passed the physical examination, and only a little more than half of the draftees in the New England states, New York, Michigan, Colorado, Arizona, California and Washington passed the examination. The better showing of the boys of the middle west was attributed to the fact that most of them were natives, while a large share of the boys of New England, New York, Michigan were foreign born, immigrants, and a large share of the boys of Colorado, Arizona, and Washington passed the examination. The better showing of the boys of the middle west was attributed to the fact that most of them were natives, while a large share of the boys of New England, New York, Michigan were foreign born, immigrants, and a large share of the boys of Colorado, Arizona, and Washington passed the examination.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

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ernment are politically unstable, torn with individual dissensions and inefficiency. If the ponderous regime falls, the clatter will be terrific.

No official here shares the popular viewpoint that the development was a break for England. Hitler has over 300 divisions. He could not possibly use more than 100 against England because of the restricted space for operations. Theoretically, therefore, he could attack both Russia and England at the same time, although naturally he will wait, for other reasons, the outcome of the red venture before committing himself further.

If the common expectation of a six-weeks' campaign is justified, Hitler would be ready for England around August 1.

THE natural urge of statesmen to expound their opinions was overcome to a remarkable extent after the sensational turn of the war. This government let Churchill speak first and then the official American policy line was presented, not by Mr. Roosevelt, but by Under Secretary Sumner Welles. Senators and congressmen similarly repressed themselves to an unusual degree.

STORIES circulated for weeks before the attack about Nazi negotiations for new trade agreements or treaty were all false plants. They were probably feelers by Stalin circulated through Stockholm, Ankara, etc., to sound Hitler out on some negotiations. If a single conference or discussion of any point of issue preceded the attack, no

what the Grand Coulee power rate will be; whether it will be the \$17.50 kilowatt year of Bonneville or something higher, or whether the Bonneville rate will be increased.

Settlers on the Grand Coulee project will buy their 160 acres for a top price of \$15 an acre. Construction costs and water charges have not been worked out, but Bone proposes an outright subsidy of \$80 an acre. There must be some write-off on Grand Coulee; a matter for future deliberation. The Bone plan would mean that Grand Coulee starts off with a \$100,000,000 mortgage to be liquidated by the users of power.

THE second feature of this draft of Senator Bone is setting up an administration of three directors, to be appointed by President Roosevelt from residents of the Pacific northwest. This triumvirate is to run the show. The directors are to hire an operating manager to dispose of the power; the directors will throw out the army engineers at Bonneville (these engineers operate the dam, generate the power and turn the power over to the administrator at the switchboard now); will hire and fire anyone connected with the government power business.

WITH the grid pooling all public and private power, the orchardist in the Rogue river valley would help pay the subsidy of the Grand Coulee settler along with farmers in the northwest tip of Washington state. The three directors will see to that.

Back of the Bone draft is Director Lillenthal of TVA and Nebraska's Norris, who favors a three-man board instead of a single head. President Roosevelt in a letter to Senator McNary and Senator Bone proposed one man, not three, in charge of the power, and at the White House the president told Bone (who was accompanied by Ickes) that the secretary should be "it."

OREGON'S Charley McNary has the high command in a dither for he has openly announced himself for a separate air command, as proposed in a bill by Nevada's McCarran. Others have offered such measures in the past and were licked by the brass hats and the admirals, but when the republican senate leader came out for the measure of Democratic McCarran there were worries galore. General Marshall, chief of staff, telephoned that he was for the idea "in principle," but did not think now was the time. Admiral Stark, chief of naval operations, phoned a similar statement. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox reminded Charley Mac of their long friendship. Said the navy is doing a splendid job as it is. McCarran has some democratic support; McNary can bring republican help, and this is known to the admirals and generals.

The luftwaffe and the royal air force point the way to an independent arm, but neither army nor navy wishes to lose power. Each desires to control its own segment of birdmen, to protest against relinquishment. To the arguments of top flight officers Senator McNary replies that his mind is made up as he has long believed a separate arm is a vital necessity in the United States war machine.

Weather
Northern California: Showers tonight extreme north portion extending southward along the coast to Point Arena and clearing Thursday; partly cloudy central and south portion; little change in temperature; gentle variable wind off the coast tonight becoming northwest Thursday.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.
Glass—We sell glass, reglaze your broken windows reasonably. Trowbridge Cabinet Works

NOW misfortune overwhelms them. Over night, America and Russia become buddies, one for all and all for one against Hitler. The more ruckuses the communists stir up in America, the more American defense facilities they wreck, the more airplanes they stop from coming off the production line THE WORSE IT IS FOR STALIN!

Life just seems to be "agin" the communists in this country.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the next few days, believe little you read or hear about the newest phase of the war.

The censors will be busy, along with the rumor-mongers and the propagandists. The correspondents, both newspaper and radio, will be doing their best to get at the truth, but they will be badly handicapped.

JUST read and listen and draw your own conclusions. In time, the general outline of the facts will emerge, as has been the case invariably in the past.

IT looks as this is written as if the little Baltic states will go with Germany. They hate both sides, but apparently hate Russia more. And of course German propagandists have been busy among them.

A broadcast from the Lithuanian capital says: "The Lithuanian people will fight, with all the means at their disposal, for freedom and independence." The broadcast admonishes the Lithuanians to "receive the Germans in the most friendly, helpful manner possible."

Poor devils. Freedom and independence are visions that are highly improbable of realization in their case.

FINLAND is saying bravely she'll remain neutral as long as possible, but Washington promptly stops the 35 million dollar credit that had been extended to her, thus indicating belief that Finland will go with Germany.

The Russians, holding the same belief, bomb Finnish ports and shipping a few hours after Hitler's declaration of war. Finland has no love for Germany, but her hatred for Russia is deep and ancient and her wounds are sore.

HITLER says he was double-crossed by Stalin. Somebody, of course, double-crossed somebody.

If you are wise, you will waste no time on that. There has been plenty of double-crossing in this war. There will be plenty more. Anybody who believes either Hitler or Stalin is a sap.

But you might reflect cynically for a moment on Japan. Japan has what amounts to a treaty of alliance with Germany. She has some sort of non-aggression treaty with Russia. Where does Japan stand at the present moment?

SHED no tears, however, over Japan's plight. Japan will double-cross ANYBODY at ANY TIME it happens to serve her own interest to do so.

If you have some tears that just have to be shed you might drop one or two for the communists in America. They've certainly been kicked around. In the days when communism and fascism were supposed to be deadly enemies, they had a good line. They were panning Hitler and standing up for Stalin and raising old Ned generally on the side. But always they were the noble foes of dread fascism.

Came then the Hitler-Stalin kiss and make up act. That left them out on a bad limb, but at least they went right on sabotaging this country's defense effort—which has been their real job.

NOW misfortune overwhelms them. Over night, America and Russia become buddies, one for all and all for one against Hitler.

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 25, 1931

(It was Thursday)
California heat wave kills two. Mercury rises to 89 here.

Alfred A. Smith known to the world as "Trader Horn," the name of a book in which he collaborated, dies in England. He spent most of his life in the wilds of Africa.

Efforts to harmonize American and French views on war debt moratorium fails.

Home-brew quarrel results in neighborhood fuss being aired in justice court.

Oregon unemployed to benefit by million dollar construction program of state highway commission.

Heavy rain totalling .47 inches sweeps valley and proves boon to farmers. Helps to conserve small supply of irrigation water.

Forecast: Unsettled with probable showers. High 85, low 49.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
June 25, 1921

Peace in Ireland believed near, if conference plan is accepted.

Harvard graduate refuses to accept million dollar bequest.

White Sox baseball scandal trial starts in Chicago.

William J. Warner receives his commission as postmaster of Medford.

Chautauqua opens at Ashland for long session.

Tourist travel to Crater lake heavy despite warning lodge will not be open until July 1.

Mail-Tribune to post bulletin of Dempsey-Carpentier fight.

Forecast: Fair. High 82, low 47.

Communications

Why Call Lindbergh Colonel?
To the Editor: In the article concerning the arrival of Charles Lindbergh you referred to him as "Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh." Is it not true he tendered his resignation from the army air corps reserve and it was accepted?

DALE JEFFERSON
663 S. Holly St., Medford.

Ed. Note: That great news-gathering association, the Associated Press, has not yet demoted Lindbergh, still referring to him as "Colonel." At any rate, who is the Mail Tribune, to withhold the appellation when it is given many who never get closer to a colonel than a Kentucky mint julep.

San Luis Obispo, Calif., June 25.—(P)—A fall from a freight car into the path of a troop train near Santa Margarita killed H. V. Moore, Klamath Falls, yesterday. A sister, Mrs. A. C. Jones, Paso Robles, survives.

HEARTBREAK HONEYMOON
By WATKINS E. WRIGHT



They all say "YES!"
...because ACME is a Thoroughbred in QUALITY!

ACME BEER
Brewed with Pacific Northwest Hops and Barley

Lost River Dairy, Medford Distributors

It took a hurricane to bring Luella Fell's husband back to her.

IT STARTS JUNE 26 IN THIS PAPER