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**Ye Smudge Pot**  
By Arthur Perry  
European lands, conquered and unconquered, are reported in "the throes of power politics," as well as war. This should not be confused with what has allied the greater portion of this state for many years. Europe, so far, has escaped PUD elections, with a bushel basket of Grange resolutions on what to do with Bonneville Dam electricity.  
Preparations are underway for the three-day holiday celebration of the nation's birthday. The Declaration of Independence will be read in the city parks of the land, about as often as a horse-and-buggy shows up on the highway speedways.  
This is no time to bring it up, but Richard Nueberger, himself a member thereof in the current issue of the "Current Survey" magazine on some of the inner workings of the Oregon legislature, to wit:  
"The outstanding human shortcoming in the legislature is timidity. In front of most of the members, tantalizingly near, is the will-o'-the-wisp lure of higher offices. The temptation is strong to avoid taking a position on red-hot issues. Why court disaster? One particular legislator can be depended upon to develop a stomach attack the night before a bristling question is scheduled for debate. We never learned the truth of the report that on the evening of one of these convenient "attacks" a well-tipped bellboy smuggled a sirloin steak and hashed-browns into his hotel room."  
It appears the June rains are over. They did something awful to everything that grows, but the weeds, who being fungus growths of a low order, kept right on growing and have no friends to report they are ruined.  
A Moscow report announces Josef Stalin, dictator of Russia, has gone to the front. No fears are felt Josef will get too far out in front.  
"The regular monthly meeting of John H. Harris will be held on Tuesday evening at the B. St. Hall." — (San Anselmo (Calif.) Herald)—He'll be beside himself.  
BELATED HALLOWEEN TRICK  
(Freewater (Ore.) Times)  
"Who put the overalls in Mrs. Murphy's chowder?" has changed to "Who put the strawberry flavoring in the air conditioner?" in the Times office. No less than a bottle of strawberry flavoring has been poured into the excelsior in the air conditioner, and when it was started this week for the first time this season, the air drawn through the extract-saturated excelsior was anything but "conditioned." Strawberry flavor is n't right in its place—but we'll take vanilla."  
"COUNTY WORKERS GRAB-ELING ROADS — DURKEE RESIDENTS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL." — (Hillside Baker Democrat-Herald)—Cause and effect.

A dispatch from the Mid-West notes an elderly hired man fell off a tractor, into the path of a moving machine, to have all his clothing removed, incidentally escaping injury. Lightning does the same trick in season. It has been reported striking the tree where one caught in a storm has taken shelter, unleashing a bolt and neatly undressing the refugee, with the exception of the left shoe.

## Watch Your Step, Mr. Bull!

BRITISH diplomacy is usually something beautiful to watch. In comparison, most other world-power diplomats are bungling amateurs.  
But if that epithet from London, fired at former President Hoover, has any official sanction,—or is not promptly repudiated by the Churchill government,—then Downing street has certainly pulled a boner.

FOR the British answer to Mr. Hoover's call to "American Reason" at Chicago last night, as reported over the air, is that our 31st President of the United States has gone "PRO-GERMAN!"

PRESIDENT HOOVER was never a popular President, and many good citizens oppose his war stand today.

But disagreeing with America's only living ex-President here at home is one thing; foreign nations calling him names for opposing war is quite another. And applying such an inexcusable epithet as pro-German to a man who spent so many years of his life fighting Germany and aiding her victims might lead to very serious complications.

For when all is said and done the corner-stone of successful diplomacy in international relations is public opinion. This country has been,—and still is,—overwhelmingly pro-British. But let a blunder of this sort go uncorrected and a great change might be experienced in a surprisingly short time.

THE British slip-up is the more surprising, because the slightest analysis of Hoover's appeal reveals what all well-informed Americans know to be true, namely:—

Mr. Hoover's strong personal desire to see Britain win, and his conviction that by keeping out of actual conflict with Germany at this time America can do more to bring this about, than by going in.

People in the mass, however, even in this highly enlightened land, are not inclined to analyze very carefully when their emotions are aroused.

Let the U. S. rank and file once get the idea that this pro-German charge is the true British government's answer to Mr. Hoover's earnest appeal, and a popular reaction might well set in against J. Bull most serious in its consequences.

## Another Beautiful Dream

DR. FRANK MUNK of Reed College, in his interesting address here the other night endorsed, in principle at least, Clarence Streit's "Union Now."

It is always amazing to this department how those so intensely opposed to, and keenly aware of the Hitler menace should see no serious obstacles to such a post war "new order" as this, after that menace has been removed.

For the truth is, the very elements that make the fight against Nazi Germany so bitter and so unrelenting today are the same elements that in a post-war world will render any "Union Now" so difficult to attain.

And those elements come under the general heading of NATIONALISM.

WHAT, for example, is the exciting cause of Dr. Munk's intense hatred of Nazi Germany, and his passion for the allied cause?

The Nazi conquest of his country, of course,—his passion for the freedom of his native land. Undoubtedly an overwhelming majority of his countrymen feel the same way about it, and are praying for the time when they can strike, and free Czechoslovakia from the totalitarian yoke forever.

Yet there are also Nazis in Czechoslovakia,—some are Slavs, some are Czechs. They are in a decided minority, but they maintain that rather than have another war it would be better to yield to German control, and work out their destiny as a part of Hitler's new world order,—the net result would prove a vast saving in blood and treasure and subsequent adjustments would lighten the burden.

WHY is such a doctrine scornfully spurned by the people of Czechoslovakia as a whole, why would a vast majority in the country prefer death to any such dishonor?

Because their feeling for their country is so STRONG,—because the privilege of freedom from foreign domination, and liberty for themselves and their country is so precious and so priceless. That's all. It's love of country.

YET, if Mr. Streit's "Utopia" should be established, the national freedom that Czechoslovakia is so willing to fight and die for wouldn't be possible.

TO take one other example, there is Ireland, which Mr. Streit includes in his "Union Today." Ireland so cherishes its liberty and independence,—its freedom to do what it darn pleases in its own way,—that it can't even extend a helping hand to hard-pressed England, with German bombs dropping all around.

Yet under "Union Now," Ireland would not only give up that complete independence, but would give up her flag, her independent army, her currency, and in international relations submit to an authority 3,000 miles away!

THIS is an extreme case, of course. Ireland is, and always has been a PROBLEM CHILD. But that doesn't alter the truth, that where nationalism,—the desire of a nation to live its own life in its own way free from any foreign domination,—is so strong when that priceless privilege is threatened by one warring nation, how can one expect that the same fundamental passion will completely disappear when the threat comes from a peaceful combination of them?

## 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.

### WHAT, NO LUNCH?

Woman, aged 38, in good health, frequently gets what she describes as "that let down feeling" in mid-afternoon. She has read that sugar or a chocolate bar or something of that sort will help, but, alas, that is the heaviest time of the day in her work and to be caught eating anything then would mean the loss of her job. So what . . .

Why, the doubly qualified old buzzard—would he fire a girl just because she sneaks a little candy or a sugar wafer or a few lemon drops or a banana in the middle of the afternoon? If he wants to get the best work from his employees it might be wise for him to have a regular recess for 10 minutes or so both mid-forenoon and mid-afternoon and serve 'em tea and cakes or crackers and milk or some fruit juice.

One reason why so many young women suffer a let-down along in the afternoon is because they do not take an adequate lunch. Generally they are not so keen about saving the expense for proper food at lunch as they are about keeping slender. In this silly attempt to keep thin by taking insufficient food or by eating only things the dumbbells imagine are not fattening, they succeed in keeping scrawny and in poor health. A good substantial lunch at noon, supplemented by a few miles of oxygen on the hoof every day or every evening after work, will give a woman a five letter word for attractiveness, where dimwit dieting gives only the first two letters of the word—oo.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Tongue Tells  
A few years ago you had an article telling what enlarged "taste buds" on the tongue indicate. Some kind of vitamin shortage, I remember, but which vitamin? (Mrs. N. F. C.)

Answer—Not enlargement of taste buds but rather atrophy of the tongue—instead of appearing rough and irregularly fissured and broad and slightly furred, as in health, the tongue is rather smooth, shiny, more pointed, red, often feels sore or unduly sensitive to acid fruits and the like. This is the characteristic appearance of the tongue in hypochromic anemia and in shortage of vitamin G (B2, riboflavin), one of the components of the vitamin B complex. Send 10 cents coin and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "Blood and Health."

Fish Oil  
What difference is there between pure cod liver oil and Norwegian cod liver oil? When should cod liver oil be taken, for the prevention of colds in winter, etc., before or after meal? (Mrs. F. E.)

Answer—It makes no difference where the cod liver oil came from, so long as it contains the amount of vitamin D and vitamin A designated by the U. S. Pharmacopoeia (if it complies with that standard it bears the label U.S.P.). With or after meals is generally the better time to take such oil, if it must be taken at all. Nowadays most people prefer to take vitamin D and/or vitamin A in practically tasteless forms. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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## News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon  
(Continued From Page One)

posals setting forth genuine protective measures for salary increases without favoritism, promotion by seniority, a ban against layoffs without four weeks' notice, and a union shop whereby the board fills vacancies from union rolls.

Wrath of the union has naturally risen, because the shot they offer is the same which the board has fitted to many an industrial foot. In fact, it is so mad it has hired a Washington lawyer, Robert E. Sher, to try to keep the board from gypping it.

Mr. Sher started off as labor counsel in the June 14 session by charging "certain supervisory personnel" of NLRB with anti-union activity. He named three names "particularly" General Counsel Watters, Executive Secretary Stern, and Director of Personnel Stover. Mr. Watters, according to the relator, related he had for some time been of the opinion that the union proposal was not workable "from the management standpoint."

Board member Dr. Leiserson was quoted as criticizing the union "considerably," characterizing its technique as "inept" and some of its activities as "improper."

Board Chairman Mills made the point, the magazine said, that he opposed bringing in an outside arbitrator "who doesn't know the peculiar conditions of our industry."

The third meeting, on June 24, adjourned without agreement and it appears that the union may have to call a strike, defense program or no defense program, in order to get its just dues.

THIS change of party line in the labor board, when the shoe was applied to its own foot, may be just as shocking as some of the switches on the party line recently in dear old Moscow,

## Kelly's Comment

From Washington  
Attack on Reds Changes Lineup  
Commies in U. S. Play New Tune  
Roosevelt Health Worries Capital  
By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 30.—One month ago, May 27, in his fireside chat, President Roosevelt denounced communism. The president has condemned aggression by Joe Stalin (Gory Joe) in Europe and to show his feelings has refused to send birthday greetings. But under the lend-lease act, which promises to give material aid to all who oppose Herr Hitler, the best guessers in the national capital are predicting that the United States will soon be shipping war munitions to the Soviet Union and throwing out a lifeline to Moscow, which has been dominating unions, blocking national defense and ordering its tens of thousands of agents to undermine the American government.

The new twist of war makes an important theater in the north Pacific ocean, especially the Pacific northwest. Most convenient way to reach Russia is via Vladivostok. Out of Columbia river and Puget sound the best route is by way of the Great Circle. This is many days shorter than a voyage from San Francisco, Los Angeles or San Diego. In considering shipment of supplies to Russia (Winston Churchill expects the United States to aid the communists who have been sitting back waiting to destroy civilization), the lend-lease administration will, naturally, lean toward the ports of the northwest and the freight will move across those docks.

THERE also must be a rearrangement of shipping. Most of the ships owned in Columbia river and Puget sound are now on the high seas headed for the Red sea with munitions. On the return voyage they are to pick up crude rubber and various needed ores. Aid to Russia will require more vessels and tankers to carry cargoes to Vladivostok, which is the principal submarine base of the Russians. If under the lend-lease act the maritime commission becomes big hearted it may take over 50 tankers on the Pacific coast (as it did on the Atlantic) to carry fuel oil and gasoline to Vladivostok, resulting in a shortage of gasoline in Oregon and Washington, as is now the case in the eastern states, and curtail oil for heating homes.

TO keep the record straight it may be noted that scarcely 12 hours before Herr Hitler declared war on Russia the band of pickets which had paraded 24 hours a day for more than a month in front of the White House demanding peace, suddenly withdrew. The picket line was sponsored by communists (Dies committee evidence) and was financially supported by a communist controlled longshoremen's union. And 12 hours after the declaration communist spokesmen all over the United

States were demanding that Uncle Sam aid Russia; the same group which the day before had been hampering defense efforts. It so happens that for the past three weeks in federal district court a few blocks from the residence of Mr. Roosevelt the government has been trying several communists who have been the source of soviet propaganda in this country.

President Roosevelt declared that the United States would be the "arsenal of the democracies." The communist agents are now demanding that he make good and assert Russia is "the" leading democracy. Under the lend-lease law they claim war munitions should go to Russia and that the most direct route is from the Pacific coast to Vladivostok. Of a sudden the communists are allies of England which until recently they charged was conducting an "imperialistic" war.

RUSSIA has never been popular with most members of congress and the feasts of caviar, sturgeon, vodka and champagne given at the embassy attracted the left-wingers in government and the social climbers of Washington more than congressmen. There has been scarcely a day for many months when attacks on communists in this country (called by name) have not been made on the floor of the house and placed in the Congressional Record. These congressmen have not changed their views toward the termites because Herr Hitler is moving on Russia, and Churchill's appeal for the United States to aid Russia makes no impression upon them. They regard it as a case of dog-eat-dog. Nevertheless the betting is that Mr. Roosevelt will go along with Churchill.

THE health of the president is the subject of quiet comment recently. The frequent colds, his cancellation of press conferences and his curtailing the number of visitors is something new. The president dislikes air-conditioned rooms and has been working in his study in the White House proper where the temperature almost flattens congressional leaders who call on him for conferences. The president looks worn and tired and he is carrying a heavier load today than at any other period of his tenure. The labor situation is unsatisfactory and when he sent the army to Ingleswood to break the strike he met with criticism from labor leaders who supported him in 1932, 1936 and 1940.

City Outguessed  
Lansing, Mich. (U.P.)—City officials said today that industrial employment had taken so many persons from the relief and WPA rolls that for the first time since the plan started the city would be left with a stock of garden seeds intended for free distribution to needy families.

Inconvenience  
Columbia, Mo. (U.P.)—Those town loafers generally seen around the court house will have to find another place to sit. The square bases of the courthouse pillars—where the loafers have sat and chewed the fat for years—are being reinforced with curved concrete buttresses.

No Driving Errors  
Jersey Shore, Pa. (U.P.)—An unusual safety record has been set by 85-year-old H. F. Ricker. In 31 years of driving an automobile, including 26 trips to Florida and back, Ricker never has had an accident.

## 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 30, 1931  
(It was Tuesday)  
Aviators Post and Gatty complete their world girdling flight in nine days.  
Governor Meier announces he will grant pardons to Oregonians arrested during this month for failure to procure auto license plates.  
Talent irrigation district bond problem still unsolved, and no agreement reached.  
America warns France it Hoover war debt moratorium plan fails, Germany will demand delay in reparation payments.  
Bogus dollars reported in circulation here.  
Mann's to stage pajama style show.  
Miss Blanche Runels assumes duties as county health nurse.  
The weather: fair and mild; high 80, low 49.  
TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY  
June 30, 1921  
(It was Friday)  
"Mysterious disappearance" of local is solved. Thought dead, he is found alive in Arkansas.  
Fight fans flock to New York by thousands for Dempsey-Carpentier heavyweight title fight tomorrow. Local legion post sends telegram to Carpentier wishing him victory and good luck.  
California canneries fix price of Bartlett's at \$56.75 per ton here. Growers not expected to sell many at this figure.  
Mrs. W. J. Warner and children are spending the summer at Prospect.  
Ten thousand persons killed by autos last year in nation.  
Probably fair weather; high 82, low 58.

## GRAND COULEE GETS COOLING

Grand Coulee, Wash.—(U.P.)—Engineers at Grand Coulee dam, Wash., have done in five years what might have taken nature a century to do—cool 10,250,000 cubic yards of concrete.  
Newly-placed concrete produces heat which, unless dissipated, causes expansion and contraction which can easily result in serious damage to a structure. At Grand Coulee, the danger was obviated by circulating cold river water through steel tubing imbedded in the dam.  
The job required two large pump barges, 2,000 miles of pipe, 2 miles of 3½-foot inspection shafts, nearly six miles of other galleries and shafts—all at a cost estimated at \$1,400,000.  
Strike One!  
Boonville, Mo. (P)—The prisoner that Sheriff A. W. Tally was locking in a cell broke away. A deputy grabbed a padlock, wound up and let fly. Down went the prisoner, hit behind the left ear.

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