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**Ye Smudge Pot**

By Arthur Perry

The first brood of democratic candidates for Governor, numbering five, has appeared on the political horizon of this state. Their early appearance is not blamed on the heat. The primary election is the better part of a year away. This leaves plenty of time to fly to Washington, D. C. on a vital defense measure, and get back in time to vote. They are far enough ahead of time to verge on the premature.

A Fort Lewis soldier, writing to the editor of the Oregonian, reports while marching in a recent parade in the metropolis, his feelings were hurt, as follows:

"There was one woman who hurt my feelings. She must have been smoking loco weed. She burst out with: 'What's the matter with you soldiers with your sour and sober faces? Why don't you smile?'"

The lady's comment is a fair sample of the gay and semi-idiotic attitude many people take towards the grim business of preparing for war. The type regards General Sherman's accurate description of it as a low-grade wisecrack. The soldiers "with your sour and sober faces" are trained for fighting, not flirting, and have something to do besides giggle and look pleasant.

Willamette University at Salem has announced it will not extend invitations this year for high school basketball teams to participate in the annual state tournament. The action, a letter states is "taken regretfully."

They were "wearied by bickering, and the tendency to make their meet 'a vehicle of controversy.'" The school that pioneered the event, and bore the financial worries appertaining thereto, deserves better consideration. They did everything to soothe and cement good-will, but eliminate the Salem high school as "a host team." There was the core of the controversy, and the thorn that stuck in the craw of all the other schools, and their fans and coaches.

**NOTHING ELSE WRONG**  
(Oakland (Calif.) Tribune)

"The citation accused McNair of speeding, reckless driving, driving after his license had been suspended, making an illegal turn, violating the pedestrian right of way, driving through a traffic signal and operating a vehicle with faulty brakes."

Moscow denies the Nazis have captured Pskov. Instead they have driven the invader back to Tskov-Tskov-Tskov!

The thermometer dropped last eve like the courthouse lawn sprinkler had drenched it all day to uphold a Chamber of Commerce slogan glorifying the climate.

"Victim permanent matrimonial blitz in desperate need congenial feminine companionship. Box 4489 Herald Office." (Montreal (Can.) Herald) — No negotiated peace with Mrs. Hitler.

**Versatile Plant**

Belgrade, Neb., July 17.—(AP)—A versatile plant in Harry Yeager's garden put even the seed catalogs to shame. It produced five potatoes underground, then blossomed out with four small tomatoes above ground.

## How About the Cantonment?

To the Editor:

I am a visitor here. Came up to see about that reported army cantonment. What's the matter with your newspapers in Oregon? If there is to be a cantonment near Medford why don't you say so, if there isn't why don't you say that? You can't tell me after all this publicity that no one knows whether this camp is to be built or not. It makes a lot of difference to me, and I should think it would to your town. And yet no one knows anything about it, or they pretend not to. What's the big idea,—why all the secrecy? You are supposed to give your community news. Why don't you give it?

T. S. BLAISDELL,  
General Delivery, Medford.

**JUST** a minute, stranger, just a minute!

The Mail Tribune has been trying for two months to get official and definite news regarding the projected cantonment, and none has been available. This effort has included persistent inquiry by a special representative of the Mail-Tribune in Washington, D. C.; constant contact with army and civilian officials here preparing the preliminary plans; and a high-powered and permanent liaison with the dynamic and omniscient chief executive of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce!

**BUT** if there is any more definite news than the Mail Tribune has already printed, then we would thank our somewhat irritated communicant,—or anyone else,—to present some evidence of it.

Our own belief is the answer can't be found in this country because it is in Europe. It may be in the process of formulation indeed along Germany's eastern front at the present time.

**FOR**, as we see it, if the Russian war reports are "all wool and a yard wide" then there IS a chance the Medford cantonment will never be built. Yes, if Moscow is telling the truth,—or say 65% of the truth,—Hitler has already lost over a million men and is now losing them at the rate of about a hundred thousand a day. At that tempo Germany may well be completely smashed before Labor Day, and World War No. 2 will be over.

In which event there will be no need for training a larger U. S. army than we have already, and therefore no need for the Medford cantonment, nor for the proposed ones at Eugene or Corvallis.

**ON** the other hand, this is the ONLY development we can foresee which would definitely remove the local army camp from the field of ultimate certainty, i.e., a prompt and overwhelming allied victory.

**SO** all we can say to our itinerant correspondent, is: "What do YOU think?" His opinion is as good as the next man's.

Those who think there is any probability of a complete allied victory in the very near future better not bank very heavily on the construction of the Medford cantonment.

Those who don't,—and particularly those who think Germany MIGHT win,—would be justified, we believe, in banking on the ultimate construction of the cantonment, up to say 50% of their maximum credit rating.

Those who are convinced this is going to be a long war,—a very long one,—well, they can go the limit as far as we are concerned.

**BUT** to those who not only must LOOK, but must positively KNOW before they leap, there is only one thing to do, wait until they can know.

And they CAN'T KNOW until congress does and the necessary cash is appropriated.

## Hitler's Fundamental Purpose

**IN** war time it is always wise to take what one belligerent says about another with a grain of salt.

For as has been frequently pointed out, in modern war, words are as definite implements of war as bullets.

On the other hand, what one belligerent says about his own country need not be so liberally seasoned; for there isn't the same motive,—not the same presumption, at least, of mendacity or misrepresentation.

For example:

If an article entitled "Hitler's Thousand Year Plan" in the current "Nation" had been written by a Britisher, we would not have been as impressed by it as we were with the author, a German and one-time financial editor of the Frankfurter General Anzeiger,—Herr Peter Drucker by name.

**NOW**, of course, Mr. Drucker may be as hostile to the Nazi government as Winston Churchill himself; but, at least, having been a resident of the Reich, and a student of its finances, he IS in a position to know what he is talking about, and if there is prejudice, there at least can be no racial basis for it.

So in our judgment the article in question is important,—certainly more important than if it had come from a hostile or alien source.

**AND** it certainly deprives those U. S. appeasers, who have maintained it makes no real difference to this country, whether Germany or England gains control of Europe, of any leg to stand on.

There is no space to go into detail at this time, but if Hitler should win then not only the United States but all the western hemisphere can kiss goodbye to further business with Europe.

The process has already started, in fact, in every country Hitler has conquered.

And the big motive behind this attack on Russia is to create an empire in Europe which will be so liberally supplied with all the essentials of modern life,—oil, minerals, wheat and what have you,—that it can never be blockaded by the British fleet, or any combination of warships.

## 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.

### VITAMIN B COMPLEX AND APPETITE

Generally for many months before the nature of their trouble is recognized or even suspected individuals develop beriberi (in Sing-halese beriberi means extreme weakness) suffer loss of strength, constant fatigue, and a vague sensation of heaviness and stiffness in the legs which makes it difficult to walk any distance. They complain of headache, insomnia, "nervousness," dizziness, shortness of breath. When the disease becomes well established, and not before, they experience loss of appetite which is one of the characteristic manifestations of advanced beriberi.

It is only in recent years that the occurrence of beriberi has been recognized as a fairly common nutritional disease in America. Unfortunately physicians here took only a casual interest in the disease, as it was a "tropical" disease more or less confined to the orient, and thus the idea became fixed in the medical mind in America that loss of appetite is characteristic of beriberi and you need not give it another thought so long as you have any appetite.

Insufficient intake of vitamin B complex is the cause of beriberi, particularly the B1 (thiamin) entity, but other entities of the B complex are nearly as essential as thiamin is to prevent and cure beriberi.

One of the early effects of insufficient intake of vitamin B complex is diminished "tone" in the involuntary muscle of the alimentary tract; or call it flabbiness. Everybody's complaint—constipation—is the usual manifestation of this flabbiness. But another manifestation, of greater significance, is seldom correctly interpreted, because of the medical obsession already described, the notion that loss of appetite is a primary or fundamental result of serious vitamin B deficiency. This is the increased desire for carbohydrate food which most persons in the early stage of beriberi in this country experience. It leads to overindulgence in starches, sugars, sweets and to flabby obesity—not to mention diabetes—in many cases.

Study and cogitation of the physiology of appetite and hunger (they are not the same) gives no certain light on this manifestation, but in my own

**In The Day's News**

By Frank Jenkins

**TODAY'S** (Wednesday's) mystery:

The Konohe cabinet (including Matsuoaka) resigns. It was the cabinet of Premier Konohe, working through Foreign Minister Matsuoaka, that put Japan in the axis and negotiated the neutrality treaty with Russia.

If you are able to follow the intricacies of the Oriental mind through the machinations of Oriental politics, you will know at once what it all means in terms of the future.

This writer, confessing inability to do so, will wait until Japan starts shooting to make a guess.

**THERE** is a ray of new light today on the censor-clouded German-Russian situation.

An "informed source" in London says the BRITISH MILITARY MISSION in Moscow reports the morale of the Russian air force high and its fliers holding their own in the vast struggle with the German Luftwaffe. The Soviet pilots, this source says, have shown no reluctance to tackle the best the Nazis can send at them and have attacked fiercely and successfully.

A "high British source" describes the Russian air arm as a powerful fighting force, VERY MUCH INTACT.

**THIS** information, please remember, comes from the military mission the British now have in Moscow. Presumably it was sent through diplomatic channels. It represents the opinion of somebody on the ground, seeing what is going on.

At any rate, it is British propaganda instead of Russian propaganda. After nearly two years of experience with it, newspaper people have come to accept British propaganda statements with a certain amount of restrained confidence.

The British seldom lie outright. About as far as they will go is to keep still about developments that don't sound too good.

**IN** London today, the Soviet military mission loosens up with some interesting detail.

The red army, it explains, has worked out a technique for handling German panzer attacks. The Russians claim to have developed two types of special planes. One, a twin-engine bomber, is armed with CANNON firing armor-piercing shells into tanks. The other is a heavily-gunned fighter that swoops on infantry with a scorching machine gun attack that is described as more effective than bombs against disciplined troops, causing higher casualties.

When the red commander is satisfied that a break has been made in the continuity of the German attack, he sends in infantry led by light tanks to counter-charge the German infantry while his cannon-armed planes are still attacking the Nazi tanks.

**THE** German method of panzer attack is to send in a spearhead of heavy tanks followed by lighter tanks which in their turn are followed by motorized infantry that tumbles out of the trucks to clean up machine gun and artillery positions that have escaped the tank onslaught.

It is these infantrymen that are snatched by the tank-led Russian counter-attack, while the German tanks that have broken through are dealt with by the cannon-armed Russian planes.

You may remember that a year ago, when the Germans were boiling into France, the French hung cannon to the fuselages of their planes and for a few brief hours knocked out a lot of German tanks by firing down at them from above.

With their immense superiority in the air, however, the Germans soon cleaned up the small number of planes the French were thus able to equip.

**THIS** new technique story, of course, comes from Russian

sources whose reliability can't be guaranteed. But if true it indicates that the Russian army has not only bravery and determination (as every student of history knows) but considerable ingenuity as well.

## Kelly's Comment

From Washington  
Surveys at Bend  
Hint Cantonment  
Plan Air Depot  
In Northwest  
British Fliers  
Start Flying

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Working on a tip or a hunch, the Rural Electrification Administration has requested the Bonneville administration to run a line from the Columbia river to Bend to serve a military cantonment there. Promptly the Bonneville administration contacted the war department and requested information on whether there would be a cantonment at or near Bend; if so, the number of men, etc. The Bonneville administration would have to figure on power requirements.

At the war department there was no news. Like places established elsewhere, the department is noncommittal. Replying to inquiries, the war department declares that all the surveys which have been made around Bend and even as far as the country toward Burns and south on the Yellowstone cut-off, regardless of any investigation by officers and regardless of what deductions may have been drawn from these surveys and interviews, these activities mean nothing; they are not official, etc., etc. It's the old army game. That some kind of cantonment near Bend has been knocking around in the minds of high officers of the 9th corps area for several months is the reason that an investigation was conducted.

It is assumed that when and if a cantonment is located in central Oregon the site will be in Bend's backyard and not out on the high desert. This is because of water. At Bend is the Deschutes river, and finding water further east would be a problem for a military camp of several thousand men.

To understand the picture it should be remembered that all the cantonments and munitions plants, the munitions dumps, which have been spotted and such others as will be spotted were charted on a map of the United States many months ago by a planning board. Even the high command has not known where a cantonment or ordnance plant was to go until the time was right. Key to where military activities are to be are on that map.

**AN** air depot is to be placed somewhere in the Pacific northwest, and it is a prize worth seeking. Only site mentioned in Oregon is at Pendleton, which now is an army air base. An air depot is an important affair and carries between 3,000 and 4,000 men. The air bases have ground crews which service the bombers and interceptors, but an air depot is the place where planes are taken to be torn apart and reconstructed—a sort of "bad order" department such as railroads have for freight cars. The personnel consists of mechanics and not fliers.

Spokane GHQ for the flying forces of the Pacific northwest, is a contender. The search is being conducted for all available sites, but when the army settles down to make a decision assurance is given that the claims of Pendleton will receive every consideration. Those to make the selection say they have all the information necessary about the Roundup town and no briefs are required. There is no chance of the air depot being placed in western Oregon or Washington, for the board of strategy wishes to keep these depots at least 200 miles from the coast.

**DIVISION** of emergency shipping applied for space and two steamers of the Matson line will be bringing chromite ore from New Caledonia to the Union Carbide company at Portland. New Caledonia is a bit of an island east of Australia. The charters were taken on a "bare boat" basis, which, to landlubbers, means that the charters are for the boats, no crew, or nothing. The first of the liners is en route and will bring a 7,000 ton cargo of chromite. A second steamer will start later. (The American Mail line has been bringing chromite to the Ohio Carbide company at Tacoma—an industry soon ready to start. The chromite for Tacoma comes from the Philippines.)

The Union Carbide company is working on war and national defense orders, which enables it to obtain a priority on the imported chromite, an ore placed

under full control of the government last week. The two Matson freighters will make a number of trips (capacity of the two will be 14,000 tons) and develop a stockpile. The company has a contract for government-owned power from Bonneville.

**AN** observer from CAA has just returned from England where he examined airports for ideas to be used in the United States. He says he met and talked to a veteran of the RAF who is officially credited with bringing down 12 Nazi planes and 25 others which are "doubtful." This veteran is 21 years old and has been flying with RAF since he was 18. In the United States a flier is 21 before he is considered, but the British catch them young and they are veterans of the air before an American flying cadet takes off for the first time. Every RAF plane has a motion picture camera trained with the cannon and if the enemy plane is hit direct the camera catches it.

## Communications

Riddle of Universe Is Solved

To the editor:

At last the greatest riddle of the universe is solved. To many it was—and long ago. Just what life is, bothered them little—they knew the answer. But they are not critical thinkers—deep ponderers. None of their answers would stand the acid test of experimentation. All negated the facts of life.

Now comes Crile with his latest book, "The Phenomena of Life," telling us what life is. Experimenting on over 2500 animals and great quantities of vegetable life and drawing heavily on the Russian school of chemiluminescence the Crile school has found life purely physical.

"Man is a water-cooled internal combustion engine." He finds that when he withdraws the electrical potential from any organism, dissolution begins. When he puts it back again dissolution stops and soon functions again as though nothing had happened. Organisms are electrical batteries and are charged by the explosions of the nitrogenous and carbohydrate matter of the food—oxidation. "In food the sun literally shines again," with a temperature estimated at about equal to that on the surface of the sun—around 6000° F.

"To grow old is natural, but it is unscientific, stupid, wasteful." This great work has nothing to do with changing or making institutions more fluid. Martin Dies would find nothing subversive in it. Since the work is "safe reading," it deserves a better press.

But how to overcome inadaptation and, like old wine, improve with age, Crile does not say—he does not know. Modern man's biology, he says, is no different from that of his stone age ancestor, very little from that of the monkey and not much from that of the still lower orders. But his environment is enormously more complicated and harder to understand and control. The implication is plain: either revolutionize our biology to fit external conditions or change external conditions to harmonize with our biology. The latter is the lesser problem. It must be accomplished—and soon.

R. Hegner.

Gold Hill, 7-16-41.

## COMMIE SECRETARY TOLD WHERE TO GO

Portland, July 17.—(AP)—James A. Murphy, secretary of the Communist party here, got short shrift from Portland's mayor Earl Riley today when he called at the city council chamber to lodge a complaint against Police Detective Captain J. J. Keegan.

"Neither you nor your people is welcome here and we just don't want to be bothered with you," the mayor said.

Replying "I think I understand you," Murphy departed.

**Adventists in Camp**

Gladstone, Ore., July 17.—(AP)—The annual 10-day camp meeting of Oregon seventh-day adventists will open here tonight. Delegates from the 85 churches met last night in a preliminary session with reports.

## Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

**TEN YEARS AGO TODAY**

July 17, 1931

(It was Saturday)

Million dollars worth of fruit from California, diverted to England when Germany found unable to pay.

Cast-off queen of Rumania leaves for London, leaving King Carol with his immorata.

German aides at Paris conference beg world to save her from financial ruin. Allies hesitant about loans, fear trick.

Oregon labor leaders warn Governor Meier "Jobs more vital to people than taxes."

Ex-cabinet officer, A. B. Fall, ill, journeys to jail in ambulance to begin prison term.

Barilets now selling at \$27.50 to \$22 per ton, with 6,000 tons of local crop sold.

Tonight and Sunday fair; high 98, low 59.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY**

July 17, 1921

(It was Monday)

Two fires in residential district at same time Sunday night keep fire department on jump.

Mother of Grover C. Bergdoll, world war draft evader, testifies she paid \$5,000 to high army officer "to help obtain her son's freedom."

Wife of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist, in interview declares her husband was murdered by his victim. Missing dentist reported in southern Oregon.

Report Ku Klux Klan organized here unconfirmed. Two leagues reported soliciting memberships successfully.

National expenses are reduced nine billion dollars past year, treasury reports.

Mercury registers high of 90.5, low 62.5; no change predicted.

## News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

Nutt's old Indiana political adviser who enjoys a reputation at the White House for aptitude in organization. Coy's real job is to keep Knudsen's OPM apart from Leon Henderson's price control organization, although officially his work is merely the handling of personnel and budgetary problems for them.

Flanking this loosely knit outfit is Isadore Lubin, the labor statistician, who is supposed to coordinate the economic and labor problems involved.

**BEYOND** these lines, Hopkins has a cabinet board composed of the secretaries of treasury, war, navy and agriculture. He meets with them as a sort of unofficial chairman to work out overall policy.

Thus by obscure shifting of men and their powers, the president believes he has accomplished some degree of reorganization in the defense setup. It is freely admitted this personal presidential machinery has not promoted 100 percent coordination or efficiency. Its lines are rather fuzzy and more personal than concrete. The new deal is by no means satisfied with the plan, yet the president thinks he has accomplished a greater degree of coordination than is generally appreciated.

At least this is the official attempt to explain why he has been loathe to act.

**THE** current curbstone crop of Washington humor mainly concerns the efforts of the terrible tempered Mr. Ickes to save gasoline. The printable production along this line includes the following:

"What this country needs before gasless Sundays is a gasless secretary of interior."

"Mr. Ickes' estate is 20 miles out. Why doesn't he start by moving into town?"

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