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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

American "Flying Fortress" and other warplanes have bombed Japanese held airbases and other positions near Manila, within sight of Corregidor. The brave, besieged soldiers there, could hear the hum of the giant engines and the thunder of the TNT they dropped upon the foe. It was balm for their souls, and music to their ears. It was a message of hope and good cheer, alike to them and their homeland. It was ominous news for the Land of the Rising Sun. Aerial forces that fly to Manila can fly to Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka and spread havoc in their industrial centers. It is the dawn of the day of reckoning for Pearl Harbor—a dark day of treachery, the military leaders of Japan will remember longer than America.

Buttons on new clothes will be made of wood. They won't sound as much like a quarter when dropped in the collection plate.

The Vichy regime of France, with "Black Peter" Laval the top ace, charges they were "insulted" by the United States. Due to the depths of depravity, to which Vichy has sunk, this was not worthy possible.

THE "NUDE DEAL"
(Oregon G.O.P. Bulletin)
"Oregon taxpayers don't mind being stripped to pay for national defense, but they do object, and strenuously so, to the hiring of dancers to 'build morale.' Yes, our taxpayers dislike being teased while they are being stripped."

A subscriber to the Anderson, Ind., weekly quit the paper with the following plaint to the editor: "There isn't enough paper in it to wrap lunches for my kids in school."

The purported nuttiness of Signor Mussolini of Italy is another case of retribution behind time, though his aboriginal cussedness finally caught up with him. There is a decided suspicion Herr Hitler of Germany will soon become the answer to a squirrel's prayer.

Harvard astronomers report a comet approached within a million miles of the earth early in the month. This is the closest a comet has ever come, and, considering the general mess on earth, used good judgment in retreating.

The society pages of metropolitan papers are now discussing the feminine problems of the "Peeping Slip" or Lapsus Lingerie.

Eddie Rickenbacker, a World War flier predicts the war will last five years, the president says three and the editor of Colliers announces its conclusion soon after America takes the offensive. These prophets have nothing on J. Wesley Bates, the tonorialist, who cheerfully opines it never will end. He is inclined to look on the dark side.

BRACE UP, GALS!

"Moreover, they are kind of slumping in their looks. They wear rags over their hair when they go out instead of hats. They seem to be dressing a little less spiffily than we have a right to expect of them. Some of them are beginning to look like the horrors of war themselves, in antebellum clothing and in run-over shoes and hats that look like the wrath of heaven."—(Emporia (Kan.) Gazette.)

The Mail Tribune wants you.

Let's Not Overdo It

DeWitt McKenzie, expert war analyst of the Associated Press, hails the spectacular raid of the Philippines by a U. S. bombing fleet from Australia, as the start of the American air offensive, and an exhibition of the strategy upon which we are "likely to depend" to crush the Japanese from the air.

We quote:

"Our leader (McArthur) has given Nippon a pre-view of the day when the sun over Pagan Tokyo will be obscured by an armada of American warplanes, for that is the way we ultimately shall exact retribution. When the Japs stuck a knife in Uncle Sam's back at Pearl Harbor they asked for trouble and they are going to get their bellies full—when the United States is fully armed there is nothing on earth can stop it!"

That is a rousing clarion call and good to hear, in the midst of dire "alarms" from all points of the compass, as to the sad progress of the United Nations cause.

But we wonder if DeWitt McKenzie isn't allowing his enthusiasm over an exploit that warrants enthusiasm but is in no military sense decisive, to run away with his objective judgment just a bit.

THIS department has repeatedly emphasized the tremendous value of air power. But on the other hand, we have never believed that this war, or any other, can be won by air power ALONE.

It certainly can't be won by air bombers operating from bases 2000 miles away from their objectives, however destructive they may be. That in general describes this gallant U. S. dash from Australia to Manila and return.

ALL hail to the valor of General Royce and his men—they did a grand job and deserve all the medals and cheers they are receiving. But let's not overdo the celebration, and then have nothing but a headache for the morrow.

Above all, let's not even by implication, give the impression that this foray from Australia marks any RADICAL change in the serious war situation; or that, as a result a coast-down-hill to victory is ours merely for the asking,—i.e.: don't worry, just wait until Uncle Sam gets fully armed—nothing can stop him!

NO, we would put a soft pedal upon that particular brand of eagle-screaming if we were Mr. McKenzie. For as we see it such emotional extravagance does no good, and if his sanguine predictions month after month should fail to materialize, can only do harm as far as national morale is concerned.

By all means let us greet this daring air attack for what it was,—an outstanding feat of arms and a genuine Yankee victory,—the sort of dash and chance-taking that, we believe, WILL bring ultimate allied victory.

But AT THE SAME TIME, let it NOT be forgotten, that before Japan—or any other country—can be crushed from the air, we must have not only that armada that will "obscure the Nippon sun", but we must have NEARBY landing fields, and we must have tanks and troops and guns, not in the air, but advancing, ON THE GROUND!

IF this war could be won by air smash alone, London would have been occupied by Hitler a year ago. At least equality in the air is vital. Superiority is far better. But superiority in the air alone is not enough. It must be coordinated with superior force on land before any decisive victory can be won.

This, we think, should be the background of such exuberance as Mr. DeWitt McKenzie today displays.

Just An Idea

We grant it is only an idea. But ideas are not only important in peace, they are also important in war,—might well be ALL-important.

And after reading Mr. McKenzie's poetic paean of triumph in today's wire we happened to run into the following brief, and unexciting dispatch:

Dayton, Ohio: Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., is testing automobile tires made without rubber.

"We now have test cars on the road which are running on tires without rubber" said an announcement. "We can make no further comment on the development at this time."

Tires without rubber!

And who knows?—perhaps when the war ends, and we have all the raw rubber we want,—and more,—rubber will be a drug on the market, for,—

The new synthetic rubber will be cheaper and better.

STRANGER things, in the realm of American experiment, research and invention have happened. What reason is there to doubt they may happen again. More than that.

Isn't this the department where the United States with its system of free enterprise, industrial development and resourcefulness, really IS supreme, with no nation in all the world coming within hailing distance?

WE think so. Granted that in time America WILL have the strongest army, air fleet and navy in the world. Isn't there a possibility, at least, that the final knock-out blow will come before then and not from any military department, but from some obscure laboratory, where a young chap in overalls, has been using nothing but test tubes, strange gadgets and his BRAINS, since the Japs attacked Pearl harbor?

We repeat it is only an idea. But we venture to say if any secret "knockout" weapon is perfected, American ingenuity will perfect 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.

YOUR NERVES

It is unfortunate that the word "nervous" has so many different meanings. Some of the meanings are not at all what you and I are thinking of. Webster says nervous means Sinewy, strong, vigorous, possessing or manifesting vigor of mind; characterized by strength of thought, feeling, or style; forcible; spirited. Full of or abounding in nerves, as the nervous parts.



Pertaining to or having the quality of nerves. Having the nerves weak, diseased, or easily excited. Hence, timid; fearful, apprehensive.

That is bad enough, but the loose or uncertain significance of the term in Webster's sixth sense is worse. Who can tell what anybody means when he says he is nervous?

If it means the individual is easily excited, timid, fearful or apprehensive, then far be it from me to quarrel with any one about it. I'm too nervous.

Not even Webster can explain what "having the nerves weak" means. Mere physiologists have never recognized "nerve energy" or "strong nerves" or "weak nerves" or "nervous exhaustion," but evidently Noah Webster knew better—too bad Noah carried his secret to the grave with him. No matter, definition "having the nerves weak" still stands, and what can a mere physiologist, much less a physician do about it? If Webster omitted the traditional conception other dictionaries might play it up all the more, and competition is the life of the dictionary business too.

Let no sophomore rebuke me for teaching that the complaints ailments or disabilities of people who purport to have "weak nerves," "nervous exhaustion," "neurasthenia," are imaginary. For I know only too well that in the majority of such cases the condition so readily attributed to "weak nerves" or "nervous breakdown" or "nervous prostration" is as real as appendicitis or tuberculosis.

The term "neuritic," too, means



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air corps are being made constantly but the main pattern is still followed. The objection, to having group bases too close together was waived when a base was authorized for Walla Walla, not 15 minutes flying time from the base at Pendleton, about 40 miles away. Other group bases in as close proximity are being planned and may be expected.

On the north shore of the Columbia, opposite The Dalles, an important development is in the blueprint stage. The air field at Redmond is being tremendously expanded. The Salem airport is growing far beyond any landing field. Klamath, Medford, Coos Bay, Ontario, Hillsboro and a mess of communities in northern Washington are having air facilities expanded. From the Rocky mountains to the Pacific will eventually be established the greatest and strongest aerial defense in the United States and it will extend from Alaska to the Mexican border.

IT is a military secret, the number of flying fortresses being produced each week and month by the Boeing plants, but these assembly plants are up to schedule and will turn out their quota of 60,000 planes President Roosevelt asked for this year. The Boeing outfit is also working on orders for the British. A hint can be given in what air production now means in building up air power. The British announced that about 25 planes are ferried across the north Atlantic every day, say one an hour. This is about 750 planes of the largest type delivered in England every month. These giants of the air are made on the Pacific coast and flown to their destination. The north Atlantic flight is made in an average of 12 hours and every bit of space not utilized by the crew

is filled with medical and other supplies.

Other planes are being flown to Australia to reinforce MacArthur; still others fly from the west coast to South America, cross the Atlantic to Africa, cross Africa to the Red sea, destined for the RAF. Single seaters are crated and sent by steamer to Suez, to Murmansk for Russia. A stream has been flying to China.

THE planes sent abroad are not included in the president's order for 60,000 this year and 125,000 next year. In the 185,000 to be completed by December 1943, not all will be combat planes; there will be thousands of trainers for the 70,000 pilots to be educated this year and next. As rapidly as they can be spared from elsewhere, army and navy planes are now going to the bases in Alaska and the Aleutian peninsula, from which points there is a belief the United States will strike at Japan some day when the grand offensive is ready.

LATEST proposal from certain automobile dealers of Washington and Oregon, and possibly speaking for the trade, is that RFC make loans to them with the frozen autos and trucks as security. They state that many dealers are now busted and others will have to go through bankruptcy unless they can find financial assistance somewhere. One auto factory has offered to take back its frozen cars in the hands of dealers but the offer has been made to only a limited number. Congress is advised that there are, in the country, 500,000 passenger cars and 150,000 trucks, none of which can be sold except to a very few individuals and have been granted exceptions by office of price administration. With each passing month the plight of the northwest auto dealers becomes more acute, with overhead piling up and no way of meeting it. Leon Henderson is about to freeze retail prices of almost everything from shoes to hats. This is the plan which Barry Baruch has been proposing for the past two years, but as late as three months ago Henderson objected. As cost of living goes up he is of a different opinion if inflation is to be curbed.

Red lights are far more difficult for enemy airmen to see than blue lights, according to the war department.

HIDDEN BASE USED FOR RAID ON JAPS, LEADER DISCLOSES

American Machines Brought Back 44 Passengers From Philippines, Also Revealed.

Surprise For Japs

United States Army Headquarters in Australia, April 16—(AP)—Consternation as well as made-in-the-U.S.A. bombs hit the Japanese when the aerial task force of Brigadier General Ralph Royce smashed at the Philippines, its leader related today.

"The raids obviously threw the Japanese into a terrific panic," Royce said. "You can imagine their bewilderment when, suddenly out of the sky, appeared a big bunch of bombers which let loose everything on them. They didn't know where the bombers came from and the radio used up all the ether for the whole of Sunday trying to find out where we were coming from and means for stopping us."

By C. Yates McDaniel

United States Army Headquarters in Australia, April 16—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Ralph Royce, volunteer leader of the bomber squadron which delivered the United States' first long distance smash in the Philippines, disclosed today that the raiders used a base hidden in the islands, protected by fighter planes, and provisioned it for future use.

Twelve planes of the 13 which for two days wrought destruction and dismay among the enemy at the start of the week ferried 44 passengers on their return trip to Australia—10 crewmen from a fortress bomber lost on the foray and 34 army men and civilians from Bataan, Corregidor and other island points.

Mostly Airmen

Most of the evacuees were airmen, indicating that while the Americans still have fighting planes in the islands, as Royce said, they have a surfeit of men to fly them.

Royce said that the morale of the men left behind was excellent, especially now that they have plenty of food. The American fighter planes cooperated with the Australia-based bombers, shooting down two Japanese planes that tried to attack the bomber squadron.

The hidden field served the 10 medium and three fortress bombers as a forward base on their 4,000-mile roundtrip attack. The fortress craft lost on the flight was grounded there, having an engine changed, when a Japanese bomb hit destroyed it in flames.

The advance base may figure prominently in future attacks, for the assaults of last Sunday and Monday were acclaimed here as only a sample of heavier blows still to be delivered in

an effort to turn the tide of battle in the southwest Pacific.

Shows Tide Turn

Indeed, Australia's prime minister, John Curtin, declared today that the tide of war was turning against Japan.

He added that it was but the first drive into the heart of Japanese military positions and in time would be followed by the operations of vast air fleets.

United States Army Headquarters in Australia, April 16—(AP)—General MacArthur's headquarters announced today the names of 25 service men and civilians who were brought to Australia yesterday by the American bomber squadron returning from the attack on Japanese bases in the Philippine Islands. Among them was Captain Jesus Villamor, the Filipino flying ace.

Others among the first names issued were:

Frank Hewlett, United Press correspondent, Pocatello, Idaho. Nat Floyd, Manila Bulletin, New York Times correspondent. Lieut.-Col. Chi Wang, Chinese liaison officer with the Bataan forces.

Also listed with Capt. Villamor, were these air corps officers:

Col. Charles Backes, Capt. Joseph Moore, Capt. Henry Thorne, Capt. Harvey Whitfield and Lieutenants Wienart, Thomas and Gerrity and Conley; Col. Fisher, U. S. army and Lieut. Col. W. B. Kinnard, U. S. army. The party also included 12 others whose names were not immediately announced. They were four enlisted men in the signal corps, three bombardiers and five navigators—enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

MARINE RECRUITS ARE SOUGHT HERE

FROM CIVIL DEFENSE

Staff Sergeant Walter L. Clemens of the United States Marine Corps will be in the Post Office building from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. the remainder of the week for the purpose of interviewing those interested in enlisting in the corps. The ages are from 17 to 30 years for the regulars and the duration of the war, and from 30 to 50 years of age for those enlisting in the class four reserves. Ex-service men who served in the last war are urged to investigate the advantages offered in enlisting in the reserves.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

NOTICE DANCERS

In compliance with the state law all Saturday night dances will close at 1:00 a. m. Midweek dances will close at 12 o'clock, midnight. The following prices will be effective starting Saturday, April 18.

MIDWEEK DANCES: Men, 89c; Ladies, 11c, including tax SATURDAY NITE DANCES: Men \$1.10, including tax Ladies FREE

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