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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

What does it profit a speed-idiot patriot to have an auto horn that plays the "Star Spangled Banner," red V's on the windshield and doors for Victory, and flags fluttering from the radiator, if every time he turns a corner he rips off four-bits worth of rubber.

There are signs the people will be charmingly beseeched not to relax the war effort and elect Republicans to congress or the legislature in November.

This war has produced no better fighting men than the Yugoslavs, currently fighting Italy, Bulgaria, and Germany. From their hills and rocks they are battling on three fronts and looking for a fourth, though ill equipped. They shoot the proclamations of Hitler full of holes, like a hunter does a farmer's trespass signs, and whenever a high Nazi official shows his head they shoot it off. Incidentally, they issue a few ultimatums themselves. There is no way under the lend-lease act to loan some of their fighting spirit to the largest of their European allies.

CONFESION

(Kansas City Times)

"Our wife taught a country school and earned \$15 a month before she married us, and while she doesn't feel that she really lost anything by marrying, we can tell that when she thinks of the \$15 and then thinks of us, she figures she just about broke even."

The esteemed Salem Capital-Journal editorially wonders why a professional pacifist of Oregon, who fathered an initiative bill to prevent compulsory military training at the UoO, has been sworn into the army as a second lieutenant, and assigned to the perils of pecking a typewriter in Washington, D. C. He is a bright young man in the field of politics. Why he was named only a second lieutenant, instead of a lieutenant-general, is what makes the majority wonder.

The Older Girls are still battling in their Victory gardens, all of which have a weed and defeatist complex.

"Meanwhile, somebody else has started an epidemic of rubber mat thievery around town. This is hardly the proper way to express a patriotic urge." (Klamath Falls Herald & News)

Hardly, and within the "pervue of the law," as the lawyers say.

The FBI has rounded up 158 Nazi aliens, at large in the land, willing and waiting to indulge in any heinous Berlin orders. They belonged to the Deutsch-American Berufsgemeinschaft, or the Hat and Battiesnake society.

WHAT AILS AMERICA

(Time Magazine)

"Honest orators (addressing the people and quoting John Paul—"We have not yet begun to fight") will have to tell them that the U. S.—with Egypt tottering, Russia fighting in desperation, China already three-quarters gone, and American ships sinking everywhere—is now making a very different kind of answer, saying in effect: "We have not yet begun to fight—we want to wait until after the elections."

The Spanish word "granada," meaning "pomegranate," is the root of "grenade" because the explosive resembles the fruit.

A Dangerous Maneuver

There appears to be no doubt of it.

The Democratic National Committee, worried over the forthcoming congressional elections, is persistently sowing the poison that a vote for a Republican means a vote against the war and in favor of the Axis powers.

In the latest bulletin from national headquarters, for example, it is claimed both Germany and Japan are filling the short-wave air with appeals to defeat Democratic congressional candidates, repudiate President Roosevelt, and thus aid the totalitarian New Deal.

BOTH Berlin and Tokyo have for some time attacked President Roosevelt, the main theme being "Franklin Delano Roosevelt promised you peace and he brought you war." But if there have been any direct appeals to return a Republican congress, we have not heard them.

We don't blame the Democratic committee for making the most of this anti-Roosevelt propaganda from enemy sources,—we can imagine nothing that would increase the devotion to Roosevelt and his administration, more quickly or effectively, or render the return of an overwhelming Democratic congress more certain.

BUT we do blame the committee for continuously and persistently creating the impression, through this widespread propaganda, that the Republican party at heart, is less committed to this war and victory, than the Democratic party, and in some mysterious and subtle way, is working hand and glove with the unregenerate G.O.P. isolationists on one hand, and the Axis powers on the other.

No doubt this is, to a certain extent, good politics. And to a wily political veteran like Charles Michelson, an inevitable procedure to adopt.

But, as before stated in this department, it can be overdone. And if overdone can be dynamite.

FOR once let the people of the country suspect that the Roosevelt administration is DELIBERATELY trying to make patriotism a party issue, and disenfranchise Republicans on the implication of disloyalty to the allied cause, and they will rise on their hind legs in this bye-election, as they did when former President Wilson attempted the same maneuver, and snow the Democratic candidates under.

No Hits, No Runs, All Errors

Are the military experts always wrong?

A year ago the experts were practically unanimous that Russia couldn't stand up against Germany for more than 90 days,—some even put the limit as low as 60.

Russia not only held, but when winter came, started a vigorous offensive and until late spring ceaselessly maintained it.

Whereupon the same group of experts with the same bland assurance declared the Red Army lines would hold,—could not be broken, by any pressure Hitler could exert.

WELL, perhaps they can't be. But to a man up a tree they look rather badly bent from Moscow to the Black Sea, and if a break should come, few close observers of the scene would be greatly dumbfounded.

It was the same thing when the war started. Look up the record if you have forgotten. Britain's leading military expert declared World War No. 1 completely discredited the offensive, and the winning strategy in No. 2 would be bleeding the attackers white by a series of "Verdun defenses." Moreover no expert denied for a moment, that France had the best army in Europe and the Maginot line was impregnable.

France fell like a ton of bricks, the British barely escaped complete disaster at Dunkirk, whereupon the same experts pontificated that England could not possibly be saved.

A GAIN look up the record, particularly the Washington, D. C., experts if you doubt this!

One might think by the laws of chance the experts might be right once. But to date they haven't been. In fact, judging the future by the past the most cheering news imaginable, at the present time, would be for the experts to predict the DEFEAT of Russia before winter comes.

That would make a GERMAN defeat practically certain!

RANCHERS START CUTTING OF GRAIN

Cutting of grain crops is now underway throughout the valley and threshing on a small scale will start this week, according to County Agent Robert G. Fowler. There will be a normal crop, though some might have suffered in the recent heat and the June rains.

Raspberries and youngberries are now being picked, and the cherry crop harvest continues with plenty of cherries left. Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy reports. Commercial truck and family Victory gardens are coming along fine.

Most of the first cutting of hay is now in the stack, barn, or baled.

Closing time for Classified Ads 5 p. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

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, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES IS MORE LIVELY THAN THE MALE

What in your opinion would cause heart disease to develop in a man who was apparently perfectly well and until death from coronary thrombosis had never lost a day from business on account of illness? (Inquires a widow.) He was 68 years old and never had felt any sign of trouble until three months before his death, and then only a heavy feeling over his chest when he walked—the feeling would pass off in 5 or 10 minutes if he sat still. The only thing he ever did to excess was smoking a pipe, but he did not inhale.

Before we forget it, Ma'am, let's mention here that it matters little whether a smoker inhales or does not inhale, so far as the effect on health is concerned. Whatever component of tobacco smoke it may be that affects health it is absorbed through the mucous membrane lining the mouth, even though the smoke does not farther into the respiratory tract. Still more is absorbed or still more rapidly if the smoke passes through the nose also, and of course if any smoke is actually inhaled into the windpipe or bronchial tubes absorption is increased in proportion with the area of mucous membrane exposed to the smoke. But it is an error to imagine a smoker doesn't get the effect of tobacco smoke if he doesn't "inhale."

... he did not inhale, but just smoked continuously until he felt that sensation of gas in the stomach and a desire to burp. Then he would stop smoking for a while. Among his intimate friends he was always noted for his exceptional strength and rugged health (Mrs. O. A. ...).

Come, come, now, Ma'am, we must leave the romance out of the discussion. If friends imagined the man had exceptional strength and rugged health either they were flattering him or maybe just expressing the common notion of what constitutes health. A man who suffers a heavy feeling over his chest when he walks surely hasn't what we could call rugged health. As for strength, if you mean physical, muscular strength, that has nothing to do with health status or the condition of the heart or with any kind of cardiovascular disease.

I have cogitated this question at some length since your letter came, Ma'am, and have decided to say what I think about it in a series of talks, hoping I may not alarm any reader more than enough to induce him or her to go straightaway and have a proper medical examination.

QUESTION & ANSWERS
It's Like Castor Oil on Pancakes
What sort of cod liver oil do you suggest for children? I am giving mine Oleum. Personormorph, but they hate taking it—would plain cod liver oil be as good? (Mrs. A. L.)Answer—It seems a severe punishment—what have the children done to deserve it? I'd give 'em tasteless or pleasant tasting vitamin D instead of fish liver oil, plain or fancy. Aromatic Syrup of Rhubarb
I gave my 11 year old son Aromatic Syrup of Rhubarb when he had a cold and it really helped him. But now I have forgotten what the dose is, and would like to have it in case of future need. (Mrs. H. M.)

Answer—Dose is about the same as the dose of castor oil, for the same purpose. It is a break for the kid. Give it to him instead of castor oil, with the best wishes of his friend. O' Doc Brady, who was a kid himself once and remembers with a shudder the castor oil his well-meaning but misguided parents pressed on him whenever he looked white around the gills, which, seems, was frequently.

Moth Patches
We have so much faith in your advice—mother has had two brown spots, called moth patches, removed by electric needle, but is anxious to have any suggestions or advice you can give. Our collie, aged nine, keeps so young or your iodine ration (we all take it) that people call her "puppy." (N. W.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address and inclose ten cents for booklet "Cosmetic Blemishes." (Copyright 192, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

farm production, how much it is likely to cost, and the difficulties to be encountered. Agriculture Secretary Wickard signed in April an agreement with the Peruvian government whereby two-thirds of its cotton crop (200,000 bales) will be bought by this government and put in storage. This government is to continue to take the same amount each year hereafter, at the annual cost of about \$10,000,000, the crop to be stored in Peru.

It was done as a good neighbor gesture, but the government has used the action to try out an international crop curtailment idea. We promised to pay the Peruvians a one-and-a-half per cent increase in price for every one per cent their acreage was curtailed. The scheme also worked the other way, proposing to cut the price an equal amount for every similar increase in acreage.

NO one outside the agriculture department paid much attention to the matter until recently, when the American cotton market began worrying about that surplus. Senator Bankhead and others of the cotton bloc then extracted a promise from Mr. Wallace that the crop would not be brought into the United States unless our own production was unable to satisfy war requirements. The post-war difficulty of foreign agriculture production coming into competition with our own was thus encountered at the outset.

As long as cotton senators exist, that cotton apparently will have to be sold by this government to some foreign consumers in some way whereby it will not compete with American cotton. That will be difficult, if not impossible.

The agriculturists here, however, have not let that prospect dismay them.

The Peruvian farm production system is a Spanish hacienda approximation of our own share-cropper condition. The boys here are already feasting their eyes hungrily on that subject,

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Plywood Seen Aluminum Sub

Nelson Opposes Wheat Alcohol

Copper Mining Development Lags

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 13—

Destruction of cargo carriers loaded with bauxite, which would be transformed into aluminum in the northwest, is the fundamental reason why army air force, procurement division of WPB, the forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., and the veneer and plywood people have been in constant huddles. There must be steps taken to husband all the aluminum possible for bombers and interceptors or some substitute must be found for aluminum in non-combat planes. The answer is, of course, plywood, but what kind of type and where it can be procured has been the center of debate.

Eventually, it is believed, the government will have to come to the Douglas fir region, where peeler logs have "made" the industry of superimposing one sheet of wood upon another.

On details there is yet no agreement, but between the lend-lease officials and representatives of the army air force there is an objective of 35,000,000 square feet of plywood a month. If that does not sound important, it is 420,000,000 square feet a year. For this material the federal government is willing to pay a good price; there will be no haggle. The order will be so large that it will be broken up and distributed to practically all plywood plants in position to accept some of the business.

ONE army officer favored mahogany upon mahogany, but abandoned this idea when he was convinced there is no source of mahogany left, due to the activity of enemy submarines. British representatives, speaking for the lend-lease, favor birch upon maple (the favorite combination for plywood in British Columbia); west coast operators advocate Douglas fir. Spruce has been frozen; cannot be used for plywood as suitable stock is needed for trusses.

With the submarine menace to the bauxite supply, the program calls for plywood for troop transport planes, cargo carrying planes, gliders, trainers and possibly later but not now, a few experimental fighter planes.

If Donald Nelson has his way no farmer cooperatives in the inland empire can go into the business of manufacturing alcohol from surplus wheat. Theoretically, he explains, the distilleries might be a good thing but he is opposed to building any more distilleries for the production of alcohol (from which synthetic rubber is produced), because he hasn't the copper to spare for the stills. Copper, Nelson informed the senate committee, is just about the rarest metal in the United States.

In addition to taking care of the war needs for copper in this country, said the top man of war production board, we must also provide all the copper requirements of the British, the Russians, the Chinese—all of the United Nations. This is the job that falls on the shoulders of American economy. The domestic shortage is caused by demands made upon us by the allies. This argument made no hit with several of the senators on the subcommittee, who asked one another when Nelson had departed, whether anyone was looking after the interests of America. One of the senators a few night before was talking to King Peter and inquired what his country was doing to which Peter answered, "We are conserving our resources."

GREAT as is the need for copper, the federal government is doing nothing to develop deposits in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. There are rich deposits in Hell's canyon of Snake river and in many other districts, but these are being neglected while WPB is decrying the shortage, and in spite of insistence during the past two years of northwest senators that these properties be exploited and new supplies of copper be provided, nothing has been done. Nor is there any prospect of the government acting through any of its war agencies.

APPARENTLY Portland has won its fight against Puget sound, for announcement is made that 20 ships will visit the Columbia river in July to load freight for Russia, with assurance that all freight from the west coast for Siberia will henceforth move through the river. The government was buying flour at Astoria and Portland and in the interior and having it shipped to Seattle where it was loaded on Russian vessels for Siberia until this new order was issued.

Decision to take cargoes in the Columbia river was brought about through conversations with the Russian government, for the Russians had the "say" as to where they wished to take on freight.

land, formerly of this city, where Mr. Badger was depot agent for several years, called on friends in this vicinity on Saturday.

Mrs. Celia Crawford of Medford was a guest Friday and Saturday of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kell. Other guests at the Kell home were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gray of Prospect, Charles and Joe Gray are visiting their grandfather, Ed Logan, at Burns, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith of California, former residents of the Sama Valley district, are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith and son.

W. C. Strahan, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shoemaker, left Sunday for Portland for army induction.

Mrs. Eldon Hicks and baby daughter returned home Friday from a Medford hospital.

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 13, 1932
(It was Wednesday)

House approves two billion dollar jobless relief bill.

New billion dollar soldiers bonus bill presented to congress, as veterans march to Washington, D. C.

Probe of Copco rates started by P.U.C.

Drys of nation plan to line up behind Republican candidates.

Crater Lake park road work to be rushed before snow flies in late fall.

Mineral development of southern Oregon planned by syndicate.

Cloudy with showers. High 71, low 47 degrees.

George Porter is, bilked by young man representing himself as nephew of Attorney George M. Roberts, and cashing a phony check for \$25 in payment of \$7 worth of shingles. The nephew was also phoney.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
July 13, 1922
(It was Thursday)

State highway commission on visit denies widely scattered rumor they will resign.

County clerk refuses to accept petition of D. M. Lowe as candidate against sheriff in recall election.

Fair and warmer. High 100, low 58 degrees.

Elks band to give concert in city park tomorrow night.

President Harding orders railroads to carry mails, and government may take them over.

Clara Phillips, "liger woman" held in Arizona for hammer slaying of another woman, in jealous rage.

BUY DETECTIVE'S TITLE
San Diego, Cal.—(U.P.)—Detective Lieut. Ed Diechmann, chief of the homicide detail, has crashed the movies. He writes short stories. Paramount was so pleased with one of his titles that they bought it for \$1250 a word. The title was, "You Can't Live Forever," and the check was for \$50.

It takes 71 railroad trains, each with a minimum of 20 cars, to move an army division of 15,000 men with weapons and equipment.

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