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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

TO THE SOLDIERS IN THE FIELD AND THE SAILORS ON THE SEAS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN COMBAT ZONES, WHOSE COMRADES IN THE STORM AND STRESS OF BATTLE HAVE BEEN WOUNDED, TO THOSE ON THE HOME FRONTS PERFORMING WITH PATRIOTIC ZEAL, THE HUMBLE AND UNSUNG CIVILIAN TASKS OF WAR, TO EVERYBODY

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SPEEDY RETURN TO THE WAYS OF PEACE AND ITS BLESSINGS.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

I am nearly four years and a very good boy, like my Daddy says he used to be. Please put me in the Navy with my Uncle Bob. I already have the uniform.

Jay Tannehill Walker.

Mr. S. Claus, Dear Sir:

When you come Fri. please don't look so much like Grandpa Bert or Jerry Jerome as you did last year.

Your friend, Gregg Orr.

Sir:

Last year you brought me some Chinese sacred lily bulbs. They did not bloom. Try and do better this time or bring an African violet.

Minnie Older Girl.

Dear Santa Claus:

The Medford CoC thanks you for the bountiful supply of committees you sent us. They all worked like horses and some like mules.

F. Hull, Sec'y.

P.S.—The box under the rear seat of your sleigh is full of pears for you and Mrs. Claus.

Hon. S. Claus:

Turn off the rain and send us all the hired men on hand. It's so muddy we can't get to town if we had gasoline. We are wearing out our rubber boots faster than our tires.

Jackson Co. Farmer.

Old Friend:

It has been a long time since I asked you for anything. But us grocers have lots of government reports to make out and would appreciate a mathematical genius like Prof. Einstein to help us out. He can tell how much the moon weighs but we don't know how many prunes our customers ate last year.

Peoria Bill Gates.

Dear Santa Claus:

We are three good boys. We are too busy taking piano lessons to write you. Whatever you leave will be all right as long as it is not more music lessons.

Your friends, Billy Hess, Billy Perl, Joe Fliegel, Jr.

Hon. St. Nick:

There is nothing we really need, but the Main Stem could stand a new set of street lights. Mr. & Mrs. Martin K. Medford.

Dear Tanti Taws:

I am too young to know much about you. I will be in next Christmas and I want an electric train for Grandpa and Daddy to play with them.

Chuck Clay III.

Messrs. Hitler, Hirohito & Mussolini:

You have been very bad boys and spoiled two Yuletides for millions of folks. Nevertheless, you have something coming that will be delivered sooner than generally expected.

Kris Kringle (North Pole).

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

The War and Christmas

After three years of war it would be rather too trite to moralize on the shocking incongruity of Christmas and this murderous and ghastly conflict. "Peace on earth, good will to men,"—and—this mechanized, organized murder!

Yet there is a moral factor involved which is more noticeable this Christmas, perhaps, than at any time since the war started.

And that is this:—that when all is said and done Christmas, and the spiritual principles and aspirations it symbolizes, does represent more accurately and comprehensively perhaps than anything else just what the United Nations are fighting for.

"Peace on earth, good will to men!" Not one of the allied nations wanted this war—all of them tried desperately to avoid it. And all did want, and now want, to restore peace, to restore good will, and make this world again a decent happy HUMAN place in which to live.

THE entire spirit and psychology of the Axis ideology on the other hand, is a complete and callous denial of the Christmas spirit—of peace, of good will, of honor, honesty and human dignity.

So while it is incongruous—entirely inconsistent—form one standpoint, for a Christian nation to celebrate this Christmas—or any other—by killing as many citizens of another nation as possible, from another standpoint there is a certain moral justification for just such a non-Christian employment.

For as a practical and obvious fact, unless the pagan ENEMIES of this and other Christian countries are crushed, COMPLETELY PUT DOWN—the fundamental principles of Christianity will perish. THE FORM of the Christmas festival may survive for a few years but the Christmas SPIRIT will be dead, and remain dead, just as long as the powers of darkness prevail!

"Stop, Look and Listen"

Over a year ago in this department we warned the big shots of Organized Labor to steer clear of the "Public Be Damned" policy.

It was declared at that time, that while the going was very soft at the moment, there was a limit beyond which it would not be advisable to go.

And the time would soon come, we feared, if it had not already arrived, when the better part of labor wisdom would be to take bearings, "Stop, look & listen" and be a trifle backward about going forward, as far as demanding more advantages and privileges for labor were concerned.

WE still believe that was true.

As further evidence we would present the following recommendations for the new labor program, which will be submitted at the national congress to convene, January 3rd:

1. Suspension of the hour provision of the wage-hour law. Overtime payment for more than 40 hours when agreed upon in collective bargaining negotiations, but to be paid in war bonds.
2. Creation by statute of a new war labor board with limited authority and a congressional injunction against assumption of any power not conferred by law. The present board was created by executive order. Members of the new board to be representatives of the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Manufacturers Association, and representatives of the general public to be selected by the labor and employer members.
3. Outlawing in war industries of the closed shop and maintenance of membership clauses in employer-employee contracts.
4. Revival of the "no strike" bill by Rep. Howard W. Smith, D., Va., which passed the House by a substantial margin shortly before the war but died in the Senate.
5. A renewed effort to make labor organizations subject to prosecution for abuses under the 1933 anti-racketeering law and under federal anti-trust laws.
6. Amendment of the corrupt practices act barring political contributions by the unions. Corporations are prohibited from making such contributions.

NOTHING so very drastic about that. But it does demonstrate, we believe, that the worm will soon start to turn, if it has not already done so.

Such a program certainly would not have been suggested a few years ago—the tide was running then so strongly the other way.

But today there is a growing popular feeling—even a resentment—not against organized labor—not at all—but against the idea of PRIVILEGED labor—of labor that like capital a couple of generations ago, has let success go to its head, and is rapidly becoming to believe this isn't a government of the people, by the people, for the people, but a government of organized labor, for organized labor and by organized labor!

THE people of this country believe in organized labor. They believe labor has certain definite rights and they should be assured.

But they DON'T believe—never have and never will believe—in organized labor—or organized capital—or any other organization—regarding itself as a privileged class and setting out to dominate the government by dictating through pressure political groups, what the people of this country must do—or else!

That is what the Big Business Titans tried to do half a century ago and see how their pride preceded their destruction.

POPE DENOUNCES GODLESS REGIMES

London, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Pope Pius denounced Godless authoritarian government and "Marxist socialism" today in a Christmas message to the world. He condemned racial and national discrimination, deplored the bombing of civilians, and called for a new world in which all men would have free choice of government and religion.

"We are tied impartially to all people and are willing to collaborate in any new order which will bring a just peace," he said in a 40-minute speech broadcast from Vatican City.

After the message he gave his "Urbi et Orbi" blessing to the world.

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, 365 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

VITAMIN B-COMPLEX AND/OR DIGITALIS

A tonic is anything that restores tone, power to function as in health.

Altho some physicians still regard digitalis as a heart tonic there is a tendency on the part of physicians to day to restrict use of digitalis to a few special conditions which occur in perhaps 10 or 15 per cent of all cases of heart disease.

Thus, one medical authority says the indications for digitalis are two: One is heart failure with congestion and the other is a group of disorders of rhythm, such as auricular fibrillation, auricular flutter, and paroxysmal tachycardia. If these are alarming terms, never mind what they mean—say they are irregularities of heart action.

Remember, now, I'm just O'Doc Brady, no authority on anything, a plodding door-to-door practitioner, and nothing to set the world afire at that. It is my notion that digitalis isn't worth a hoot in any circumstance. I wouldn't take it on my own, no matter what my condition might be. I regard digitalis as an absurdity overrated medicine and I think it would be no loss to American medicine if it were given back to the old woman of Shropshire who gave it to Dr. Withering who in turn gave it to the medical profession in 1775. The old woman told Dr. Withering it was good for the dropsy, and as a remedy for dropsy Withering introduced digitalis to medical practice.

But if I take away your digitalis I mean to leave you something better in place of it. At least I'll offer you something I believe is better.

I refer to vitamin B-Complex. In view of the fact that digitalis was used as a remedy for dropsy by the inhabitants of England for five centuries or more before it was adopted by the physicians, and has been used by physicians now for nearly two centuries, I am not naive enough to expect that my notion about it will be taken seriously by many physicians or their patients.



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about 25 cents. And there are innumerable tires that have no serial numbers.

Fuel rationing, to apply nationally, is already breaking down in the east. This applies to oil. Government says change from oil burners to coal, but equipment to burn coal is not available. Dealers are so regulated that they cannot handle the business and are not permitted to fill a tank. No delivery can be made unless someone is home to give out coupons and cooperate with the driver in filling out a form. The northwest can take warning from what is developing in the east. Residents of the northwest can thank their stars that there is still wood although the price is high, and the piles of wood stacked along the curb in front of homes, which easterners sneered at, are something for which they would now give their eye-teeth.

WHAT is imposed upon one part of the country can be applied to the rest of it. Today there are only two excuses accepted for selling a can of condensed or evaporated milk in New York city—it is for an infant or it is for the sick. In either case it is necessary to present a physician's prescription to the grocer. How much the doctor charges for his prescription is a professional secret. The U. S. government is now subsidizing the milk business in New York, which you and you are paying the subsidy to save the New York consumer from paying a higher price than the OPA ceiling.

Milk plants are having their own particular troubles (tin shortages, etc.) but it is calculated that enough canned milk will continue to be available unless there is a "run." With-out suggestion from OPA, grocery chains are allocating canned milk a case a week to

But there it is—take it or leave it. I believe the nearest approach we have to such a remedy as a "heart tonic" is an optimal daily ration of vitamin B-complex and an adequate daily intake of sunshine vitamin D.

Of course I don't know anything about it, but I know this: It can do no heart disease victim any harm to boost his daily intake of B-complex and D up at least twice the amount ordinarily required for good nutrition.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Medical Latin

When they tested my eyes for glasses they used the terms O. D. and O. S. to indicate the strength of my eyes. Kindly tell me what these terms mean. (Aldridge.)

Answer—Oculus dexter, right eye. Oculus sinister, left eye. You see, Private, we doctors have to keep people from thinking they know as much as we do.

Grapefruit

Is grapefruit likely to cause superacidity? Your teachings and advice have been instrumental in keeping our family in excellent health for many years. (Mrs. F. C. W.)

Answer—No, grapefruit, like the other citrus fruits and indeed nearly all "acid" fruits, tends to increase the alkalinity of the blood and tissues and decrease acidity of the urine. Never give the question of acidity or alkalinity a thought when selecting food—unless the diet is restricted by freak obsessions or prejudices, the acid-ash items generally balance the alkaline-ash items better than the balance can be effected by choosing or excluding this or that in your diet.

What's sympathy?

I wish to thank you for the really fine and enlightening work you are doing—your ability, honesty and sympathy are evident. (L. T.)

Answer—I must be slipping. Some other reader observes that I have mellowed lately. Maybe it's the climate.

Escarole

What food value has escarole? (Miss K. K. A.)

Answer—It is also called endive. French endives and chicory greens. It is one of the richest sources of carotene (pro-vitamin A) which is the vegetable form of the substance the animal body converts into vitamin A. Escarole is also a good source of vitamin C, calcium and iron. Besides, it is appetizing as a salad. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 365 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

each unit and limiting sales to one can. Next look for an order prohibiting the manufacture of cottage and cream cheese. Ice cream, which OPA stated last month would not be rationed, has reached the point where stores are not selling it for off-the-premises consumption. There are exceptions, of course. Suggestion has been made to the quartermaster department that army cooks use dried milk to save the fluid, but no action has been taken. In such a rich dairy country as west of the Cascades this reduction in ice cream, cottage cheese and cream cheese no longer sounds fantastic. Rationing constantly grows tighter.

SNOWBALL-like, the wrath of the people grows. Among the certainties is that the new congress will have something to say about rationing and questionnaires. There is so much criticism that ready credence was given earliest reports of the resignation of Leon Henderson. Reduced to its simplest terms, no one objects to being rationed if that will aid in winning the war. The upsurge of anger is due to the innumerable foolish and unnecessary questions which, instead of assisting a person to be rationed, makes it almost impossible to obtain the rationed commodity. The average American is patriotic, but the makers of these questionnaires treat them as though they were saboteurs.

Communications

SERGEANT PROTESTS LANDLORD MEETING

To the editor: Regarding the meeting to petition congress for relief from unfair rent control, please let me remind you, in all fairness, that we renters stationed at Camp White and living in Medford are all on fixed monthly or annual salaries.

So much money will go just so far; if we spend more money for rent, we will have to spend less on groceries, clothing, war bonds, entertainment, medical attention and your own Community Chest.

It was this writer's fortune to spend some months in Medford during the middle thirties. You were petitioning congress then, too. Only it was for a different sort of relief. WPA, remember. Many of our army people have influential friends and relatives in the high places of the govern-

ment; many of us will pass on to bigger and more influential positions in the war department and in public affairs as the war progresses and a victorious peace again blesses our land.

We are fighting against aggression over seas and finding aggression in our daily dealings with the mercenary Medford merchants and landlords.

We at Camp White are about to band together for the purpose of obtaining a little rent relief ourselves. We'll seek to have rents pegged at 1939-1940 levels.

In closing, don't you think it was unportsmanlike and most un-American to bar soldiers from attendance at your meeting last night? After all, we were American citizens when we joined the army and we presume ourselves to still retain full rights of citizenship, such as sitting in on public meetings, held in public places, in which we are directly concerned.

SGT. DON WALLACE, Camp White, Ore., Dec. 19.

Ed. note: The meeting referred to was a private one arranged by Mr. Geo. Iverson who states neither soldiers nor anyone else were barred.

Rent Freeze Lamented

To the editor: One of the sad things that is developing from the Rent Control is that the landlords are prevented from treating the army officers with their wives as we would like to treat them and as they deserve.

On March 1st the homes were largely rented to civilians who had their own living equipment such as bedding, dishes, silverware, cooking utensils, etc.

Today the officers' wives are arriving with only a grip or two with personal clothing, only to be with their husbands for a very few weeks or months at most, then to return alone to where they came from. They are willing and able to pay, and landlords want to treat them royally, going all the way to make their stay as pleasant as possible.

But "no," everything is frozen as of March 1st—the loss on that sort of equipment is terrific and must be paid for.

Every other business is allowed to operate as it sees fit, (only price control and lack of goods preventing) why should not the rental business be allowed to operate as freely.

Resp.

GEO. IVERSON, Medford, Dec. 24.

PETRIFIED WOMAN MARRIES ORGANIST

Chicago, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Lola Taylor Warren, whose incurable malady turned her legs to stone 16 years ago, found happiness today in marriage.

She rose from her wheel chair and leaned against her groom, Theron V. Warren, 42, shipyard worker, to take the marriage vows last night in the little neighborhood Baptist church where Warren is the organist and where they first met a month ago.

The dark-haired, 39-year-old bride, who is a seamstress, wore a white taffeta dress she made herself. Tears filled her eyes, but they were happy tears. Her friends knew the lonely years she had spent since 1926 when she was seized with the strange affliction, myositis ossificans. The disease caused the muscles of her legs to harden and the joints to take on stonelike characteristics. She spent 11 years in hospitals and physicians succeeded in stopping the spread of the malady.

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MASS KITCHENS NEED OF WIVES IN WAR EFFORT

Communal Plan Endorsed by Woman's Bureau Chief—Staggered Hours Asked

Washington.—(U.P.)—To conserve the time and energy of married women in war industry and to preserve the family custom of eating at home, Miss Mary Anderson, chief of women's bureau of the department of labor, has endorsed communal kitchens.

Miss Anderson said they were necessary in areas where women are steadily being taken out of their kitchens to factory assembly lines, and where it is impossible to get servants to help with the meals, housework and laundry.

She suggests communal kitchens be set up near the home or plant where women can obtain cooked food to bring home for their families in the evening.

Give Other Ideas

As other courses she suggested the following ideas to employers and women employees in war industry:

Staggered hours in the middle of the day or hours off for women to do their shopping.

Placement of written grocery orders at the factory.

Special laundry facilities at the factory to make this service available at low cost.

"Altogether, the employed wife carried a heavy burden in her double job of tending a machine and caring for a family," said Miss Anderson, "and everything possible should be done to lighten her load, or her health will be seriously affected."

Sees Rise in Absenteeism

Miss Anderson said too many women war workers are now doing their marketing after hours, do their own laundry and housecleaning—usually on their day off—and the majority have children to which they wish to give attention. Absenteeism is bound to rise in war industry if an increasing number of women are bound both to factory and to home.

Britain has had to meet the same problem, Miss Anderson said, and has partially solved it already. Communal kitchens are established in many parts of England to relieve housewives of the preparation of meals in the home. Low-cost restaurants, which sell food at cost, are becoming increasingly popular because they assure the economical use of food, cooking facilities and equipment.

Investigation into the records of the food administration of the last war reveal that the communal kitchen idea was thoroughly explored at that time, but little was done to project it into industry. Many national leaders, including Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, believe communal kitchens soon will become necessary if thousands of women go into war industry.

DAVID ECCLES QUILTS WAR INDUSTRY BOARD

Salem, Ore., Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—David C. Eccles, who represents Oregon as the governor's assistant on the northwest war industries board, today tendered his resignation to be effective Dec. 29, Governor Charles Sprague announced.

Eccles asked to be released to enter private employment, the governor said.



LONG, LONG LETTER FROM HOME—This soldier is all wrapped up in his mail while he reads a 25-foot letter from his former co-workers in an electric company in Schenectady, N. Y. He is Private Kenneth Michon, of Troy, N. Y., now assigned to Headquarters, Fourth Service Command in Atlanta, Ga. Cheerful letters from home are regarded as the fighting man's best tonic. Have you written your soldier?

Flight 'o Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 24, 1932

(It was Tuesday)

Better times seen for farmers of nation coming year.

Federal sales taxes issue bobs up again.

Cool and cloudy. High 42, low 39 degrees.

Bernard Baruch seen as man behind throne in administration of President-elect Roosevelt.

New county officials ready to take office next week. Hubhub at courthouse in office.

Series of wrecks mark Yule observances in this area.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 24, 1922

(It was Sunday)

Edward Kelly returns from the University of Oregon to spend Christmas at home.

Central Point Odd Fellows to hold old-time dance.

Wimer stockmen ship cattle to California for winter feeding.

Gold Hill Ladies Aid society takes on new life.

The Rev. D. E. Millard to retire from the ministry temporarily.

Ashland adopts new milk ordinance.

Rain. High 36, low 35 degrees.

Head of steel trust is opposed to a 12-hour day.

Employers, Soldiers Must Initiate Move For Army Discharge

Portland.—(Sp.)—Employers and soldiers themselves must initiate action to obtain honorable discharges from the army of over-38 soldiers to return to essential jobs in war industries, the office of war information reported today.

The army regulation specifies that "certain enlisted men now in the army who by reason of age (38 years and over), are unable to satisfactorily perform military service but who are qualified to assist the national war effort, may be honorably discharged in accordance with the following provisions:

"A. The soldier has voluntarily requested discharge in writing to his immediate commanding officer.

"B. The soldier is handicapped by advanced age, 38 years and over to such an extent that his usefulness to the army is secondary to that of industry.

"C. The soldier has presented satisfactory evidence that he will be employed in an essential war industry, including agriculture, if he is discharged from the army.

Each application for discharge under the above conditions will be considered on its individual merits and no soldier will be discharged unless a suitable trained replacement is present and available."

GERMANS FREED OF RESTRICTION