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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The charming and gracious First Lady, fittingly designated last winter by a Maine tribe of Indians as "Princess of Many Trails," now in the Antipodes, announces she would be delighted as a friendly gesture to entertain Josef V. Stalin, Russian premier in the White House. This is conditional, of course, on J. V. being able to catch her home.

Both the metropolitan and up-state press have launched gentle criticism of the laudatory warning, not to rejoice at the swift turn of victorious events in the war zones for the Allies. Constant twanging on a pessimistic string, liberally sprinkled with propaganda, is becoming wearisome to the public. Secretary of the Navy Knox, whose sour notes, timely and untimely, has almost made New Dealers out of rock-ribbed Republicans, is a leader of this school. The policy is to neither laugh at, or get gay with your trouble. Come peace, if the current lick is maintained, and Washington will warn: Don't let your optimism be optimistic.

PRACTICALLY ON RELIEF! (Independence Enterprise)

"Talked to Mrs. Weaver Bowler Monday evening and asked her how she was doing picking hops. She said, 'Not very well, I am only making \$13 a day. Hardly worth while!'"

Vice President Wallace, the eminent power-under of every third row and little pig executioner of "the dark days of 1933," has come out for seven new freedoms, all stemming from Freedom from Want. Two more freedoms are needed, viz: Freedom from wanting a fourth term and freedom from Wallace.

The armistice terms imposed upon Italy, as the price of having peace rage within that nation, are rougher and tougher than the Axis cooked up for France when she was stabbed-in-the-back, wherein nothing humiliating for a proud land was overlooked. It is a mild blue print of what Germany will knuckle down to. The Italian terms call for everything but B. Mussolini making a balcony speech with 300,000 Fascists booing him.

S. Ganton Sherwood, former P. O. clerk, now a "mail specialist" in the navy, home on a furlough, is seasick from whirling in the social whirl.

THE UNBRIDLED 1890's

"A few days ago, in Mountain valley, a pleasure party of young people went out picnicking. On the return two young gentlemen, each with a young lady and single rig, engaged in a lively race, which ended in disaster to one of the contestants. The horse ran away and the cart upset, spilling its occupants, who were Pike Robinson and Miss Edith Owens, upon the surface of the earth, which seemed very hard and unyielding at that particular spot. Miss Owens was very badly bruised about the head, shoulders and face, and Mr. Robinson was unconscious for four or five hours, although he escaped serious injury. The other young man seemed to lose presence of mind under the moment's excitement and drove on after the fugitive horse until admonished by his girl that it would be a good plan to see how the sufferers were faring. Then he threw the lines down, jumped out and walked back, leaving his own companion alone. She got out of the place where the accident occurred. The unfortunate couple was then assisted home."—(63 Year Col. in Pendleton East Oregonian.)

What Medfordites Can Do

Inflation is more dangerous to the American way of life—to the orderly every-day life we know in this country—than war. For if America wins the war and loses its victory by a devastating period of inflation, what can we do, we ordinary Oregonians, to ward off inflation?

There are seven simple things we may do. The life insurance companies of America, in the most comprehensive co-operative effort in their history, are inaugurating a nationwide campaign to aid in the country's fight to hold down prices and the cost of living by encouraging thrift. Announcement of the plan is made by George L. Harrison, president of the New York Life Insurance company and chairman of the policy committee of the Institute of Life Insurance.

PROCEEDING on the well founded assumption that government action alone is not the answer—that the fight can be won "only with the understanding co-operation of the American people as a whole," the insurance companies have drawn up a list of "seven practical things" that the citizen can do by way of making his own contribution to the effort. These are:

1. Buy and hold war bonds—to lend our country the money it needs to fight the war to victory.
2. Pay willingly your share of taxes—including increased taxes—that our country needs.
3. Provide for your own and your family's future by adequate life insurance and savings.
4. Reduce your debts as much as possible and avoid making needless new ones.
5. Buy only what you need, and make what you have last longer.
6. Live faithfully by the rationing rules to conserve those goods of which there are shortages.
7. Co-operate with our government's price and wage stabilization program.

COMMENTING on this program, the New York Herald-Tribune, a staunch Republican paper, declares that there "is nothing that is difficult to understand about this program, and it asks little that any American should not be willing and proud to do. Yet, it is the sort of thing that needs to be kept constantly before the people of the nation; and in undertaking that task the insurance companies are rendering a genuinely patriotic service."—W.A.W.

The Wonderful Coconut

Coconut trees can supply practically all needs of natives on the thousands of coral islands dotting the South Seas war zone, and almost alone make the islands habitable, says the National Geographic Society. For centuries coconut palms have provided native food, drink, clothing, and shelter.

The edible part of the coconut, the copra of commerce, is well known. Natives also eat the green nut. Its meat is like the white of a soft-boiled egg. The pulp of young coconuts is fed native babies.

OUT of unopened leaves in the crown of the coconut palm islanders make a salad. Early New England whalers called it "sailor's cabbage." It can be obtained only by killing the tree, and is now known as "Millionaire's salad" because trees now are valued at \$25 and up.

Native fowls and pigs in the South Seas thrive on coconut meat. In the United States, where thousands of tons of the meat are used in making oil, the residue is fed to cattle, pigs, sheep and poultry.

Coral islanders also use coconut meat as fish bait. From the fiber of the coconut husk they make the cord for fish nets. The fiber also goes into baskets and mats.

AFTER coconuts have attained full size, and long before they are ripe, they often contain a pint or more of cool, refreshing liquid. The sap from severed flower stalks of the palm is sweet. When fermented, it makes an intoxicating drink.

Palms also catch drinking water. In a bend of the tree the islanders wedge the butt end of coconut leaves, which collect and funnel rainwater into receptacles.

Water bottles and drinking cups are made from the shells of the ripe nut. Bottles are produced by scooping the meat out through the "eye" end of the nut. Shell cups are polished with the hut oil and become ebony-colored with use. Shells also make combs and other articles.

THE sheath at the base of the palm leaf is used to wrap grated coconut meat which is pressed for oil, a native hairdressing and skin lotion.

Huts of islanders often are thatched coconut palm leaves. The palm trunk supplies posts and rafters, tied together by ropes of coconut fiber.

From the trunks of the palm the natives also make their dugout canoes. The wood is hollowed out with a stone adz.

Submarine Chiefs In Pacific Honored

U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn., Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Three submarine officers, heroes of the Pacific warfare against the Japanese, were decorated today by Rear Admiral F. A. Dabbin, commander submarines, Atlantic fleet, at the base theater here.

Com. Barton E. Bacon, Jr., San Diego, Calif., received the navy cross "for extraordinary heroism." On one of five patrols, he "aggressively attacked a Japanese supply ship and a troop transport, sinking both vessels." Com. Bacon also was credited

with "inflicting heavy damage on an important amount of Japanese shipping."

The silver star was presented to Lieut. Com. Eric L. Barr, Jr., Eastern Point, Conn., and to Lieut. George E. Everly, Black Point, Conn.

IDENTIFY CRASH VICTIM

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—The 12th naval district announced today that Lt. (JG) J. L. Morelle, 24, Georgetown, Tex., was the flyer killed yesterday when his plane fell flaming into San Francisco bay after crashing into the San Francisco-Oakland bridge.

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.

NADINE MAY WE LL TAKE THOUGHT

I am 14 years of age and I am only 4 ft. 11 in. tall (writes Nadine or maybe that isn't her name). Is there anything I can do that will make me reach five ft. 2 in. at least?



Dr. Brady

cousins are likely to tend the same way. This is no "law," but just a matter of reasonable expectation.

Boys generally continue to grow until they are 18 and in some instances they gain another inch or so even after that. Girls, in 100,000 observations in public and private schools in the United States, generally gain two inches in height between the thirteenth and 14th years of age, 1 1/2 inches from age 14 to age 15, 3/4 inch from age 15 to age 16, 1/2 inch from age 16 to age 17, one-half inch from age 17 to age 18. These, too, are the averages of the growth in stature as measured in the 100,000 girls.

In some instances of retarded growth prolonged ductless gland treatment by the physician gives happy results. Do not ask me for more detailed information about this. Ask your family physician. Such treatment can be given only by your own physician anyway.

In the absence of any recent inquiries about humbug mail order remedies, treatments or gadgets purporting to increase stature I infer that these snides have petered out or perhaps the federal authorities have overtaken them. Even if one is short in stature one need not be short in brains.

Now I have one suggestion to offer every boy or girl under eighteen who is below average stature. I believe it can do no

harm in any case and that it will do good in most instances, regardless of the effect on growth in stature. I suggest that you keep on hand at all times a supply of vitamin D and vitamin B complex and supplement your diet with 8 or 10 of the tablets daily—chew all of the day's ration of D and B complex along with breakfast, or take a few of the tablets as tablets after food two or three times a day. Every day or the year around.

It is well recognized that shortage in the intake of vitamin D (sunshine vitamin) in early childhood is the main cause of rickets, and retarded or deficient growth in the length of the long bones (especially the leg bones) is more or less characteristic of mild rickets—perhaps so mild that it is not definitely diagnosed as rickets.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Life After Cholecystectomy

For years I had gallstones and appendix removed—gall-bladder out, too. Friends say you can live only 15 years after removal of gall bladder. We have one child age 5, and would like another. Would childbirth be too great a risk now? (Mrs. B. R. C.)

Answer—Not friends, but unpleasant busybodies say you can live only 15 years after removal of gall bladder. No reason why you may not live as long as the next person of your age. No reason why you should hesitate to raise your family, either.

A Doctor's Religion

Kindly recommend a good psychiatrist in whom I am a Catholic.

(Miss E. McK.)

Answer—I have no way of knowing whether a doctor is of a particular creed or faith or whether he is a good Democrat. I can't see what difference it would make in any circumstance.

What to Eat and Why

We waited a long while for it, but the new booklet, "What to Eat and Why," is worth waiting for. It is a notable achievement in the way of condensed, scientific and highly practical information on a subject of paramount importance. (J. McC.)

Answer—Golly! I hope you're not kidding me. Copy of booklet to anyone who sends ten-cent stamp and stamped self-addressed envelope. (Copyright, 1943, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind

The News

by Paul Mallon

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it. This was true in Tunisia and in Sicily where we had to stop to reorganize after victories in order to meet a new and different situation.

As a result, the men who know military affairs here have been less enthusiastic than the general public in expectation of a swift conclusion in Italy.

THE military results of the Badoglio armistice were likewise restricted. Probably the main result was the undetectable effect it had on the German people and their conquered nations. The news could not be concealed that our breath was now hot on the Nazi back. It should be the final German discouragement.

So conclusive was the action in this respect that you would expect the German army immediately to shoot Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, et al, and ask for terms, but the Prussian military system is just as near the gallows now as it is Hitler. The German army will be gone (the officers will all lose their jobs) as soon as they surrender.

Aside from the controlling Nazi and the army groups, there is no political organization available in Germany except the underground Communists who are not strong enough to force in general German affairs to the gun point.

This peculiar situation is apparently the only thing that has kept Germany in the war in the face of an obviously lost cause. The only direct military effect of Italian surrender was to give us air bases closer to Germany, and establish a position whereby we may cross the Adriatic and take the Balkans.

THE mysterious delay of five days in announcing and enforcing the Italian armistice is easily explained.

It was worked that way in an effort to trap the four or five German divisions in southern Italy. The agreed time for its disclosure was the moment our troops landed at Naples. They took longer at sea than expected and the news was broken a few hours earlier, but the arrangement and its purpose remained the same.

If the news had been announced at once the Nazis would have been free to withdraw the southern troops, destroying cities, railroads and airfields on their way back.

U-BOAT SKIPPER

WHO SANK CARRIER

ARK ROYAL, SAVED

Washington, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—

The U-boat commander who was decorated by the German government for sinking the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal has been taken prisoner, the navy announced today.

The prisoner, Kapitänleutnant Friedrich Guggenberger was taken when his submarine was sunk recently by a U. S. navy Martin Mariner patrol bomber off the coast of Brazil.

Five other Germans also were rescued and taken prisoner.

Axis radio reports said that Guggenberger was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross by Germany in December, 1941, for sinking the Ark Royal, and he was awarded the oak leaves to the Knight's Cross early this year.

These reports also said he was decorated by the Italian government for his attack on the Ark Royal in the Mediterranean in November, 1941.

In the German communiqué announcing the sinking of the Ark Royal, the Nazis credited two U-boats, one of them commanded by Guggenberger, with sinking the carrier. As far as is known, however, Guggenberger is the only submarine commander to be decorated for this action, and German press reports repeatedly have referred to him as the skipper who actually sank the carrier. The British have estimated that only one torpedo struck the vessel.

Guggenberger chose to stay on the surface and fight it out instead of diving to cover when his submarine was spotted by the navy plane. The Mariner sank the U-boat on the first try.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify, 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

DARKEN HITLER'S SKY

Hitler laughed when Goering's Luftwaffe rode roughshod over Coventry, Warsaw and Rotterdam, but now that our planes are turning out more than 300 planes daily the Germans are learning the bitter experience of aerial war. Fighter planes cost out \$50,000 each; bombers from \$200,000 up.

The more planes we buy the less life we lose; the sooner the Nazis will cry "enough!"

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PENN DEPOT FIRE

IN PHILADELPHIA; BAGGAGE BURNED

Philadelphia, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—Workmen began tearing apart the ruins of the Pennsylvania railroad's Broad street station train shed and baggage room today and train traffic returned to near normal after a \$250,000 fire which destroyed a city-length block of tracks and injured 300 persons.

None of the injured was in a serious condition and most were treated for minor lacerations or smoke inhalation at the scene. The fire, which broke out yesterday morning in an engine room and spread to the train shed, for several hours threatened the 62-year-old main station.

Sixteen tracks running over the baggage room were reduced to a mass of twisted steel and six passenger cars standing on the train level were destroyed. About 100 passengers escaped without injury from a New York-bound train standing in the station.

The baggage office, operated jointly by the railroad and the Railway Express company, estimated that 1,500 pieces of baggage were destroyed. Firemen, who were aided by about 800 civilian defense workers, rescued 500 pieces of luggage from the office.

FORMER OPA AIDE

AVERS OFFICIAL

WILLFUL WRECKER

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—

John T. McNernan, former regional OPA enforcement attorney, charged today that Frank Marsh, regional administrator and other officials, deliberately stymied effective price control enforcement.

McNernan, asserting he had been discharged on orders of Marsh, issued a 700 word statement describing Marsh as a "willful wrecker."

He claimed Marsh prevented working arrangements with other OPA divisions, liberalized regulations in the midst of an enforcement drive and prevented enforcement officers from carrying out their duties "by selective and star chamber investigations, prying into personal beliefs and union affiliations and raising anti-Semitism."

Leo Gentner, acting administrator while Marsh was in Washington as special assistant to the OPA general manager, declared McNernan's dismissal "was in the interests of better enforcement, among other reasons."

CROP INSURANCE

PROGRAM REVIVED

Washington, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—

Sen. Scott W. Lucas, D., Ill., said today that he would introduce, when the senate reconvenes tomorrow, legislation to appropriate \$7,818,748 for the federal crop insurance program, which congress restricted last session.

Lucas said his proposal would restore to the original budget estimate the insurance appropriation, which congress cut to \$3,500,000, and also would eliminate a proviso that no funds should be used in connection with insurance on wheat and cotton crops planted subsequent to July 31.

In Illinois, Lucas said, "farmers were bitter in their denunciation of those who had destroyed this program."

LEWIS CALLS MEETING

Washington, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers today summoned members of the UMW's international policy committee to a meeting here next Thursday to discuss current negotiations with soft coal operators over portal-to-portal pay and proposed lengthening of working hours.

Olive Barber's Observations

He left for his home last night—the old gentleman now in his 84th year who is my father. This morning when Frank went to start the fire in the heater, he found he had only to strike a match to it, for Dad's last act had been to place pitch kindling and wood in the stove ready for the morning fire he'd not be here to enjoy.

I understood my husband's reluctance to set it going. That carefully laid fire might so easily be the last our father would ever build for us. When a man has passed his 83rd year, he's so very near Heaven everything he does, each word he says, takes on special significance. We feel we are running in competition with the angels for his favors, and treasure each hour he remains with us for the precious gift it is.

He brought Frank a book to read which he himself had enjoyed; a tale of adventure and deeds of derring do. But first he had blacked out all the "damns" in the book. Since the author was Zane Gray, the pages looked like they had broken out with the black measles. This expurgated of naughty language seemed, to my loggish husband, a rather futile effort to keep his vocabulary uncontaminated. Yet my husband says that when he took Dad to visit his logging camp the most profane man on the job used no single term which would have been offensive to the old gentleman's ear. Which goes to prove that swearing is not as unconscious as some think it to be.

While here, I cooked for him the things I knew he liked best—corn bread, potatoes, crisply fried bacon and pumpkin pie. Each night before we retired, we had family worship. I wished our president and military leaders could have seen the old saint kneeling there, seen the bowed head with its halo of white down as he prayed for them; prayed they might be given wisdom in leadership and military tactics to the end that "the foe be confounded and the powers of evil overcome."

He stayed one night with our bachelor son, and I understand there were frantic forays to neighboring apartments for the Bible the son should have found it as unthinkable as Dad, that the two retire without the nightly period of devotion; the son out of courtesy to his grandfather, Dad because family worship has been a sacred rite he has not missed in fifty years.

Dad helped me wash the dishes, since my badly scalded hand made this task a veritable hardship. Coming to a kettle with a sooty bottom, he chuckled and said, "Pears to me Olive, this kettle got used in the dark of the moon."

A man of God, my dad, but a great guy, too.

Willkie Is Champion

Phone Bond Peddler

New York, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—

Wendell Willkie was champion salesman among the citizen volunteers who campaigned by radio yesterday for the Third War Loan.

He accepted 233 telephone pledges in 80 minutes for subscriptions estimated between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Prior to picking up the telephone he had made a 20-second announcement that bond buyers could communicate with him at radio station WABC.

STRIKES GAINING

IN NORTH ITALY

London, Sept. 13.—(U.P.)—

Strikes were reported spreading rapidly through Nazi-occupied northern and central Italy today. Increasing numbers of workers in Milan, Turin and Genoa, as well as Rome itself, have taken to the surrounding hills after striking in defiance of a Nazi threat of execution for all strikers, saboteurs, political demonstrators and persons attempting to communicate with Badoglio or the allies.

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