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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The proposed ten billion dollar boost in federal taxes to drain off "inflationary excess spending money" in the hands of the public, is now offset by a proposed ten per cent federal sales tax. The public, it is hinted, is awkward in its spending. There is a surplus of bureaucrats to do a neat, artistic and expert job of getting rid of it for them. John Q. Public, sometimes known as Joe Pungle, spends his war boom cash for \$9 whiskey, T-bone steaks, fur coats for the Missus. He only gets rid of it by the fist-full, and lasts quick. The Hon. Sam Bureaucrat spends it in box-cars for votes, repainting Utopian rainbows, and a quart of milk per diem for the Hottentots. The governmental spendthrifts are limited by neither time nor space, nor the alleged gasoline shortage. They stray far to perform humanitarian squandering. Mr. Public, alias Pungle, is restricted to his own home town. Now a federal sales is something else. It is viewed with horror by politicians—both clever and clumsy. It is sane, sensible, and nobody can get out of paying it.

Valley pioneers meet tomorrow at Jville for their annual reunion. Great Grandpaws will tell how they hewed the mighty oak, and fought Indians across the plains. Great grandmothers will tell how they did the same, with the additional hardships of hoop-skirts and bustles.

The control of noxious weeds the past summer got minor results, but more weeds, the department of agriculture admits. A more comprehensive program is planned for next year. What the country needs is an administrator of Hoe Handles.

The threatened hard-liquor drouth as yet has started no cider mills. Here is a beverage, when aged, that smiles in your face, and cuts your throat. Its potency will knock off a layman's hat at ten paces.

GET ON WITH THE WAR

(Federal Register)

"13. In section 20, Table A, the name of Schedule No. 27 is amended by deleting the words "Oncorhynchus tshawytscha" and inserting in their place the words "Oncorhynchus tshawytscha".

14. In section 20, Table A, the name of Schedule No. 28 is amended by deleting the words "Oncorhynchus klutchi" and inserting in their place the words "Oncorhynchus klutchi".

Safety commandments for hunters include, "Never climb a tree with a loaded gun." Furthermore, if you do another will shoot you for a bear.

The Pacific Coast states are due for a cut in their gasoline rations, Washington announces. This should make slight difference to motorists able to drive 700 miles on four gallons per week.

LEAD PENCIL EXPERT

"Take the respective years in which Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, Mussolini and Hitler were born. In each case add the year they came into power, then in each case add the number of years in power and to that add each of their ages. The results are as follows: Roosevelt, 3886; Churchill, 3886; Stalin, 3886; Mussolini, 3886 and Hitler, 3886. Quite a coincidence. But there's still a bigger coincidence. In each case divide the figure by two and in each case the result is 1943. "And that year," says the editor "we'll whip H— out of the axis." (Olney (Ill.) Advocate.)

California has twelve mountain peaks with an altitude of more than 14,000 feet.

How Strong Is Germany?

Major General George V. Strong, Chief of U. S. Army Intelligence recently declared the German army and air force are stronger today than four years ago, when Poland was invaded.

Naturally from such a source, the statement caused a tremendous sensation and raised a storm of protest and criticism.

The General has been called everything from pro-Nazi, through a dope fiend, to a damned and unmitigated liar.

THE surprising thing is the General has not replied to these accusations, or, as far as we have been able to determine, made any explanations, or presented any supporting evidence.

Which, as we see it, is unfortunate. For one does not have to be in the confidence of U. S. Intelligence to have a pretty good idea of WHY the statement was made; HOW it might well be literally true; and still not in any sense mean what 99 out of 100 people have taken it to mean.

AS Paul Mallon pointed out a few days ago, the administration recently approved a propaganda campaign to counteract the strong feeling of over-confidence regarding the war that swept the country, following the surrender of Italy. There is little doubt this statement from the head of U. S. Intelligence was a part of that campaign. Therefore to take the statement, with a certain pinch of salt, is justifiable.

On the other hand, there is no reason to doubt the statement is FACTUALLY correct.—Germany may well be stronger on the land and in the air today than she was when Poland was invaded.

This would not mean Germany is so strong today, but comparatively speaking, was so weak in actual military effectiveness when the war began.

IN all likelihood Germany has increased her army and air force since 1939, but the all important fact from the United Nations standpoint,—and a fact which in the press report of General Strong's statement at least was not mentioned,—was the obvious fact that the strength of the allied nations has increased in that period a hundred fold.

Where the German strength has increased perhaps 2 or 3 percent, in the past four years the allied strength, on land, sea and in the air, has increased from practically nothing, to probably the greatest military force the world has ever seen.

IN other words while General Strong's statement may well be literally true, and in view of the oversanguine state of the public temper, entirely justified as corrective propaganda; it did not tell ALL the truth, and its implications were completely wrong, for 99 out of 100 people who read the statement undoubtedly took it to mean, that Germany would be more difficult to defeat now than would have been the case in 1939.

This obviously is completely false! In 1939 Germany had "the world by the tail with a down-hill pull," not because she was so overwhelmingly strong according to present military standards, but because the democratic world was so weak and so completely unprepared.

IN the ensuing four years that condition has not only been corrected but exactly reversed. The United Nations now enjoy the superiority Germany once enjoyed, and while Germany in the size of her armies and even of her air fleet may well be stronger than when she marched into Poland, she is today outclassed in actual power practically everywhere.

If this were not true certainly Hitler would never have abandoned the offensive, and gone everywhere on the defensive. For he must know as well as his military leaders that under modern war conditions, the former is the only road to victory; the latter can only end ultimately in defeat.

IT is too bad General Strong did not make this point clear in the original statement. If he had the force of his remarks as far as debunking propaganda is concerned might have been lessened; but he would have escaped a great deal of unwarranted abuse, and would have given a complete picture of the war situation (at least as we see it) instead of an incomplete, and therefore a misleading one.

A Willkie Postscript

Well as a postscript to the Willkie problem, a certain group of Missouri Republicans sent their titular leader a communication recently asking him if not renominated would he support the Republican ticket?

It is to the credit of Mr. Willkie that he did not try to hedge in any way, but came back promptly and straight from the shoulder as follows:

"I shall support my party ONLY if my party supports my country!"

But from a POLITICAL standpoint, what will be the result? Those who signed that communication, and many other Republicans will resent the clear implication that the party of Lincoln and Grant might during this war fail to support their country, and their opposition to Willkie, ex-Democrat, will be stronger and more bitter than ever.

So again why lead with your chin Wendell? Why go out of your way to antagonize a definite Republican group the support of which you must have to get the nomination? Would not the same idea have been expressed without any political injury and without any self-stultification if the answer had been slightly changed as follows:

"I shall certainly support the Republican party as long as it continues to loyally support my country, whether I am its standard bearer or not."

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.

HOW TO LIVE A LITTLE LONGER

Since some professor made the front page by reporting his conclusion that vitamin C tends to prevent hardening of the arteries, we have had no confirmation of the professor's conclusion and we can only stagger along believing that a fair daily intake of vitamin C—as much as you get in an orange, the juice of half a lemon, a peach or a dish of almost any raw green leafy salad or relish, or a half glassful of commercial tomato juice or canned tomato, or half of a fresh tomato.



Dr. Brady
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But this is not a song about vitamins. I want to harp on something else today. I was reminded of it over the bowling green. A dentist who was drawn to play against me announced that he did not mind, me that day anyway.

I sincerely believe that the average adult can add a good five years to his or her life. active, enjoyable life, not just existence, by investing in some first class dentistry.

From the correspondence I have had with dentists and from clippings and other items pertaining to the subject, I gather that my opinion of the uselessness of brushing the teeth in the effort to save them is much better known than is my opinion of the essentiality of good dentistry for preservation of health and life and promotion of longevity. For this odd state of affairs I blame the dental profession—the profession as a whole is too easily misinformed by proprietary interests that would be happier if I were silenced.

May I quote what I say about this in the booklet "The Seven Keys to Vite" (for copy sent twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address)

Every tooth lost by disease, accident or design subtracts a year or two from the individual's life expectancy unless

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued from Page One)

line and might cause the Nazis to withdraw not only from Melitopol, but all the way back beyond the mouth of the Dnieper river. This would leave the Germans practically crowded out of their Black sea shore positions.

The prospects that the Russians could smash the line at Kiev has been widely analyzed. But there is a third opportunity northward around Smolensk which has not drawn much attention.

There they could force the Germans back against the impenetrable Pripiet marshes and divide the German army north and south of that vast swamp, thus hindering their communications and weakening their ability to resist.

Any one of these three Russian successes would break the propaganda front which Goebbels has erected at home and should cause panic among the German people.

THE German retreat strategy in Italy and Russia has sponsored some notion that Hitler is holding back the best portions of his large army for counterattacks as soon as Allied lines are advanced too far to be easily maintained.

Some authorities suspect him of playing the Rommel game of North Africa. There the Axis retreated until the British were beyond their best supply radius before launching his major force. This is possible but not probable. The plain explanation of German weakness is that our constant threat of direct invasion from England has pinned down a heavy quantity of German strength for the defense of that area.

Furthermore, our line of supplies can be just as easily maintained in northern Italy as in the boot. Also it is hardly likely that the Russians will get beyond their depth.

Military men write of fluid defense, meaning mobile resistance. Our attack since the final stages of the North African drive have developed an even more sparkling strategy of war—fluid offense.

OUR armies have shifted positions no less intricately than

Washington Letter

Analysis and Comment

by

HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Congressman, Fourth Oregon District

Washington, D. C. Oct. 6.—(Special Correspondence)—Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho members of congress are uniting in protest to the War Production board and the Manpower Commission over the recent direction from Donald Nelson's office declaring that no new contracts for war materials are to be awarded on the Pacific Coast because of the manpower shortage there. Figures we have indicate the manpower shortage is in spots and not universal.

This order goes even deeper than just new contracts. I have lately talked with representatives of several small manufacturing concerns in Oregon who are back here for renewal of contracts. These men have been informed that the order applies to ALL contracts. As a result, several concerns that have been in business for many years will be liquidated.

The plight of small business all over the United States is sad. The only difference between the troubles of Oregon small business concerns and such businesses in other sections is that we have Nelson's manpower directive as a sort of coup de grace. Our little business is going to be put to death quickly rather than go through the lingering death period being suffered by those in the other states.

LAST Saturday members of the house from Oregon and Washington met in Homer Angell's office to develop a plan and basis for protest against the Nelson directive—and to ask exception at least for the establishment of an aluminum-from-clay plant in the northwest. A committee of three was named to confer with the War Production Board and plead our case. Yesterday I was requested to serve with a committee of California Congressmen which is also going to discuss the Pacific Coast manpower directive and perhaps make a formal protest to Nelson. Pacific Coast members of congress are pretty much wrought up over the situation as the above outline of activities indicates. Fact is, some of us suspect that the directive is actually not necessary and that it is an indirect method of putting the brakes on western industrial production. The Pacific Coast is showing definite signs of becoming industry minded, thereby threatening the former manufacturing dominance enjoyed by the East and Midwest.

NOTHING much doing on the floor this week. House: Cox resigned from special FCC investigating committee—under fire. Senate: Wheeler has been arguing for his bill to prohibit the drafting of fathers—which is due to fail. Nothing much in prospect for next week.

Meanwhile, the house rules committee is sitting on the Fulmer bill (counterpart of the Jenkins bill drafted by the food study committee), which would consolidate the conflicting and confusing administration of food and place it under one head in the Department of Agriculture. The bill was reported out favorably by the committee on agriculture. If we can get that bill out of the rules committee onto the floor of the house, it will pass. The senate would doubtless pass it also—but the president would probably veto it. . . . though I hope not, for considerable study of the whole situation by the food committee indicates that legislation as one great step toward improving the entire food situation.

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Yet I confess to a lively inter-

est in the whole matter and as time goes on and my observation and reading give me more insight into bird ways, I know an increasing awe for the mighty works of the creator. I would prefer that it be told in nine short words but since scientists seem unable to do this, I will progress as best I may.

Winter brings them closer to me than any other time of the year by way of the feeding tables. And if I beggar the family pantry in my interperate feeding of them, I will not be the first who has denied the body for the benefit of the soul.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. His tory from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

October 6, 1933
(It Was Friday)
Northwest fruit code for marketing under NRA reported signed.

New York wins fourth game of world series, 4 to 1.

Fair and slightly cooler. High 91, low 45 degrees. California sizzles in Indian summer heat.

Medford Shrine hears discussion of proposed Bonneville Dam project.

Fall flower show of Medford Garden club opens with large and varied displays.

George Gates named auto dealers' chairman for handling NRA code.

Fat steer beef roasts selling for nine cents per pound in local stores. Three patties of farm style sausage given with each purchase in many shops.

NRA parade at Portland sees 50,000 marchers.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

October 6, 1913
(It Was Friday)
Premier Lloyd George of England on arrival in America is greeted by New York Irish.

More rain predicted. High 61, low 41 degrees. Precipitation light.

Bobbied hair is more popular than ever on U. O. campus.

City council calls off its tree trimming campaign when South Central avenue residents file protests.

Money for Japanese quake relief fund continues to come in.

Union labor condemns U.S. supreme court wage decision.

Central Point to vote tomorrow on building of high school gymnasium.

Sams Valley stockmen start bringing their cattle down from high hills.

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