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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Restaurants in several Oregon cities have inaugurated "meatless Tuesdays," etc., to combat the meat shortage, as it is called.

The post-war auto will be equipped "with the most efficient brakes ever created by automotive engineering," the public is informed.

Wayne L. Morse, dean of the University of Oregon law school, has been mentioned as a vice presidential candidate.

"How hard do I have to hit it to knock it into the water?" asked the nervous wife of the mayor at her first ship launching.

A three-day "Hard of Hearing" week, will be observed throughout the land from next Sunday to Wednesday, inclusive.

1880 SKULLDUGGERY! (Colfax (Cal.) Sentinel) "Charles Clark, a heavy man, in the employ of the Munro Co., is laid up with a lame knee.

"Republicans Want Taxes Frozen at Present Levels for Duration of World War II." (Hillside Ashland Tidings)—The inspired linotype says it.

The Nazi radio reports fighting forces on the lam in both Italy and Russia are "energetically reversing the fighting direction." The objective is to capture Berlin before the Allies do.

The foreign ministers of Russia, Great Britain and America held their first session at the Kremlin in Moscow yesterday. Good progress was made without H. Hopkins, the deputy president being on hand to arrange for the planting of a loud speaker, and the Chicago superintendent of sewers in the basement.

Wendell Willkie, the GOP presidential aspirant, who charmed the rank and file voters by his St. Louis speech of last week, has de-charmed them by getting too big for his britches. He boasts he can have the republican nomination next year—if he wants it.

The rains prepared the ground for fall plowing. Farmers are greasing up their tractors for the furrow-making, but none as yet have been shot by a careful hunter in mistake for stray rhinoceros, or other blood-sweating behemoth.

"Henry L. Morgenthau, Jr., pictured Uncle Sam as financier for the world in recent appearance at executive session of congressional committees. The smallest amount contributed by the United States to an international bank, he said, would be around 15 billion dollars." (Oakland Tribune)—Modern fairy story.

Will Stalin Win?

Even greater Russian victories than have heretofore been reported can be expected this week. For Stalin is smart. He realizes his ace in the hole in this poker game with Messrs. Hull and Eden, is his Red Army, and what it can do.

ABOVE everything else Stalin wants a second front. Not a front south of the Alps but west of the Rhine—not next Spring, but NOW!

For Stalin is convinced that with the defeat of the U-boat such an offensive can be launched at once. Then with the Red Army striking in the East; and the united American and British armies in the west, Germany can be beaten not next year, but this.

As a result Russia can win at the minimum rather than the maximum cost.

YES, Stalin is smart. He is also a practical man—an extremely shrewd and realistic one.

He has been asking for this second front now for over a year. He knows words won't get it. Deeds, if they are big and convincing enough, will.

SO undoubtedly the order has gone out to his generals on the eastern front to smash the Germans as they have never been smashed before. To present before this Kremlin conference is over a greater victory than Stalingrad—the greatest Russian victory of the war.

Whereupon to the familiar Anglo-American claim that a second front can't safely be established this year, the "Man-of-Steel" will reply something like this:

"O. K., gentlemen—the Red army will drive the Germans out of Russia in 90 days, Hitler will be liquidated, a communist Germany and a communistic Russia will then sign articles of peace!"

And what will Messrs. Hull and Eden do when that ultimatum is presented?

Well, Hull is a veteran poker player. Eden is a resourceful and clever diplomat.

OUR guess is—and of course this is all pure guess work—that a compromise will be reached. That second front Stalin demands will be promised, not at ONCE but far sooner than was thought possible six months ago, or even three.

It will not be ALL that Stalin wants, but a satisfactory proportion of it. Stalin will win—and the Red army—probably the strongest army the world has ever seen—will be the prime cause of it.

What Will the Answer Be?

Perhaps a few days' hence when the official results of the Kremlin conference are announced, some kind reader—they are ALWAYS kind—will give the skipper of this department the grand and glorious horse-laugh.

"Look at what they did and look at what you said!" will be the sweet refrain, "Stalin never threatened to make a separate peace and never even thought of it."

AND at that "KR" might be right. But the official report would not prove it.

For no allied conference since the war started will be as secret as this one, the details more difficult to obtain.

It is highly probable—in fact it is almost certain—that the details of this meeting will not be known until some time after the war is over.

AND for a very good reason. There is dynamite in this conference, it is scattered all over the place, and one little spark of friction allowed to escape to the outside world might well result in a devastating explosion.

A workable agreement will undoubtedly be reached—such an agreement is as necessary to Russia as it is to England and the United States.

But precisely what the agreement is and precisely how it was reached will probably be a military secret for the duration.

"What Price Glory?"

The big stumbling block in these Kremlin negotiations from a military standpoint promises to be what might be termed the humanitarian one.

As before stated Stalin is a realist, and a ruthless one. All great war leaders from Hannibal down probably have been.

But the Anglo-American leaders are not.

And while they are in this fight to the death, and will never quit until they win, they will always have in mind the cost in human life, and be constantly striving to reduce it to the minimum. In this incidentally they will be supported by democratic public opinion.

NOT so Comrade Stalin. Having more man power than he can effectively use human lives mean little to him. He has repeatedly stated that at the cost of a million men, the second front he wants could be established and Germany crushed in the allied pinchers.

Whether this is true or not as to numbers we don't know. But the fact undoubtedly remains, fear of excessive losses has delayed the establishment of such a front.

Russia has probably suffered ten million casualties in this war—what would be a million more if by that sacrifice the war could be won?

Messrs. Hull and Eden will probably have to give some answer to that question before the Kremlin conference adjourns!

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.

A SHORT EXPLANATION OF IODINE RATION

(No longer the fashion to call the term ration)

Whenever possible the drinking water for our forces in the south Pacific is purified by chlorination, but for emergencies the men carry a tube of iodine to disinfect water in their own canteens.

Incidentally, it is worth remembering that whenever or wherever one may be in doubt about the safety of the water for drinking, a drop or two of tincture of iodine—the same iodine one should always carry in the pocket first aid kit—in a quart of the water, shaken up and allowed to stand 15 minutes, makes any water safe to drink. Of course this is only for emergencies, not for regular use.

This Mild Tincture of Iodine was introduced some fifteen years ago for popular use. Prior to that time the Tincture of Iodine prescribed by the United States Pharmacopoeia contained about 7% of iodine. The same Tincture of Iodine still is official in the U.S.P., but this stronger tincture is or should be reserved exclusively for physicians and surgeons, and dispensed to the public only by prescription. Mild Tincture of Iodine is of about 2% strength.

Disinterested scientific tests showed that Mild Tincture of Iodine surpassed five of the most popular solutions sold as wound antiseptics or disinfectants, in bactericidal efficiency.

When I introduced the Iodine Ration (my spelling of Iodine) some years ago only the stronger Tincture of Iodine was official in the U.S.P.—Mild Tincture of Iodine was not then included in the Pharmacopoeia. I specified one drop of the tincture in a glass of water daily in each third month of the year, or once a week the year around, as a fair ration of iodine for anybody. Since the Mild Tincture of Iodine has come into general use I specify two or three drops of the mild tincture—which would contain rather less iodine than one drop of the stronger tincture.

On written request (no clip-

ping will suffice) accompanied with three-cent stamped envelope bearing your address I'll mail instructions for Taking an Iodine Ration.

Many correspondents tell me they take some form of iodine or iodide in larger quantity or more frequently than I advise, and ask me to assure them it is all right to do so. I do not advise taking more iodine or more frequent doses or any other form than plain Mild Tincture of Iodine (a preparation of similar iodine strength official in the British Pharmacopoeia) in any circumstance. The iodine in the Iodine Ration is a food, a food every man, woman and child requires for good nutrition. When you take more than that it is medicine, and you should take medicine only under the advice of your physician.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Horsehip Needed Dear Doctor: Please help my mother so my daddy will stop getting drunk. Thank you. (Louise)

Answer—I'm sorry, Louise, but you did not give me your address. If you can persuade your daddy to get in touch with Alcoholics Anonymous the help and encouragement he will get from such a group may enable him to quit drinking. Write to Alcoholics Anonymous, Box 568, Church Street, N. Y. City, N. Y., and ask for the address of a group in or near your city. They have no cure or treatment to sell, just earnest and mighty helpful friendship and encouragement which seems to be the right medicine for many a person who cannot quit by himself. The men or women in Alcoholics Anonymous have themselves conquered the drink habit and are anxious to help others to beat it as they have done.

Ice Cream Her Weakness I am 44, 63 inches tall, weigh 128 pounds. I can't satisfy myself when it comes to ice cream—I could eat it morning, noon and night. (Mrs. S. M.)

Answer—you do not indicate how much ice cream you eat. If you take plenty of exercise, play or work hard (with your muscles) you can get away with half a pint a day readily enough. You are eight or ten pounds underweight. Main objection to ice cream as the chief source of calories in the diet is that it tends to satisfy appetite for a while but fails to provide essential vitamins. You should have careful medical overhaul, including tests for sugar in urine and excess sugar in blood. (Copyright, 1943, John P. Dille Co.)

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Washington Letter

Analysis and Comment

by HARRIS ELLSWORTH Congressman, Fourth Oregon District

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16—(Special Correspondence)—Another session this week, this time with members of the Production Executive Committee of the War Production Board along with A. H. Bunker, head of the light metals division of WPB. Wilson (acting WPB chairman) presided and did most of the talking, with Mr. Bunker to furnish statistics and technical knowledge as called for. The members of the PEC—including a couple of Army generals and some admirals—said nothing.

Once more we were told that the three alumina-from-clay plants previously approved for construction—one in Wyoming, one in South Carolina, and one in the Northwest—would not be approved now.

There is little gauxite left in Arkansas—enough to last about two years. We have a small stockpile—about one year's supply. After that—unless we can keep the sea lanes open, we will have NO alumina at all!

In the face of these facts (which were fully admitted at both meetings), WPB to date refuses to consider developing a means of producing alumina in our own country. The thing smells to high heaven.

AFTER the subject had been pretty well threshed over in the meeting, and we were about ready to leave (in disgust), Representative Coffee (D., Wash.) asked Mr. Bunker, (who, by the way, in private life is a top executive for Alcoa, who owns the bauxite deposits in South America. The reply was that the bauxite is principally owned by the Aluminum Company of America, but the British Aluminum Company has some holdings there also!

General Meets Italian Cleric



Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark talks with Monsignor Guazzo in Italy, amid the ruins of the cleric's church, which was used as an observation post by Nazis. Allied money will repair destruction.

not recently been advanced as the main objection.

But the manpower problem on the West Coast has not been entirely settled. Last Saturday, just after writing the weekly letter, I sat with a committee of Pacific Coast Congressmen and we heard heads of WPB, WMC, Army, Navy and Maritime Commission explain the Nelson manpower directive of September 18th, and how it had affected purchases and the letting of contracts on the West Coast. The hearing lasted from ten in the morning (Saturday) until six in the evening. The stenographic report of the proceedings for the day is a volume 2 1/2 inches thick (typewritten). It is on my desk now in original form, so that I may correct any errors made in transcribing my questions and comments. But briefly, here it what we learned:

Order of September 16th was definite and final. Stopped contracts and purchases. However, Army, Navy and Maritime Commission had not actually cancelled any contracts or placed new contracts elsewhere—they apparently were waiting clarification or modification of the order.

Our little committee went into action October 5th. On October 8th, the services received a supplemental order modifying and clarifying the September 18th order. Our second hearing was held on the 9th.

Whether the activities of the committee had anything to do with the second or clarifying order, which did smooth things out considerably, no one will ever know—but the dates are interesting, as a matter of coincidence, if nothing else. At any rate, as matters now stand, purchases will be made as formerly and contracts will be let as formerly—with the provision that regional committees will pass upon such contracts as may be open to question on the subject of manpower.

NO action in the House again this week, but the program for next week, just received, indicates resumption of legislative business after what seems to have been an unreasonably long period of inactivity.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

How Nice of the Draft Boards

To the editor: I read with interest the account in your paper of the recent "birthday" party at which the two Medford draft boards celebrated the third anniversary of their organization.

Why didn't they let us know? Many of us now in uniform would have loved sending some little gift. Not much, but some little unrationed something just to show we hadn't forgotten them. But after all the "invitations" they have mailed during their three years, this was the one time no able bodied men were invited.

And they had cake and ice cream, too! I'm sure many of the home town boys nibbling on a dog biscuit somewhere out in the South Pacific or Italy will be too, too happy when they read that the draft boards are still able to cast aside the worries of a war-torn world long enough to kick up their heels at a party.

SGT. RAY ENLOW, 240th Station Hosp., Camp Beale, Calif.

The men it takes to operate the machines on one large battleship in the aggregate represent at least 1,500 years of training and 2,500 years of experience.

PLYMOUTH PARTS

33 So. Riverside—Dial 4980 HUMPHREY MOTORS

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

October 21, 1933 (It was Saturday) Midwest farm revolt against NRA seeks to enlist labor. Leads flays New Deal plans for recovery.

Japan holds annual army maneuvers and Emperor will have charge.

Cloudy. High 63, low 28 degrees.

Russia makes overtures for world economic peace.

Medford defeats Marshfield 19 to 0. Oregon State holds Southern California to scoreless tie. Oregon defeats Idaho 19 to 0.

Fuhrer's bakery is opened with 8,000 visitors to modern plant.

Fear shipments to east by boats to be tested. Robert Norris to make trip to observe results.

Truck operators to be arrested if no PUC plates exhibited on vehicles.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

October 21, 1923 (It was Monday) Three DeAutremont brothers Ray, Roy and Hugh, the first two twins, are identified by postal inspectors and Espe agents as Siskiyou tunnel bandits. A fourth man was also named. Descriptions of brothers broadcast by radio.

Complete breakup of Germany near as Rhineland republic is proclaimed. Bavarians take out to fight to finish.

Fair. High 60, low 49 degrees.

Soldiers' bonus only certainty at next session of congress. President Coolidge advocates "go slow" policy.

Civil war breaks out in Athens, Greece.

"Iolanthe" presented by local talent at fairgrounds last summer to be shown in Portland.

Picking of apples and late pears about over in Table Rock area.

IDAHO CIVIL DEFENSE

REDUCED TO SKELETON Boise, Idaho, Oct. 21—(U.P.) Only a nucleus of the protection division of civilian defense in Idaho will remain, but the service divisions will carry on, it was decided late yesterday after Robert Ailshie submitted his resignation as executive secretary to the State Defense council.

Ailshie said in his opinion there no longer was any need for the general civilian defense protection program.

like muffins?

You'll love these tempting "Honey Muffins"!



All-Brand "Honey Muffins" 3 tablespoons shortening 1 cup Kelllogg's All-Brand 1 cup flour 1/2 cup honey 1 egg 1/2 cup butter-milk 1/2 teaspoon soda Blend shortening and honey. Add egg and beat until creamy. Add milk and All-Brand; let soak until most of moisture is taken up. Sift dry ingredients together; add to first mixture, stirring only until flour disappears. Fill greased muffin pan; bake in full and bake in a medium-hot oven (400° F.) about 25 minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Parrick, recently of San Diego, Calif., have bought the former George Tulare home and are residing there.

IT'S LOVE Chicago, Oct. 21—(U.P.)—When Uros Miskovich appeared in felony court on a charge of selling Elsie Polich a machine to make \$10 bills from singles for \$4,000, Mrs. Polich refused to prosecute. "It's love, and we're going to be married," she explained, giving Uros a big kiss.

From where I sit....

by Joe Marsh

Ned Buxton was home on furlough last week. And you ought to see the fuss the town made over him. Seems like almost everybody wanted to give a party, or a testimonial dinner, or stage something special in the way of celebration.

Of course, Ned acted grateful. But he told me later, all he really wanted was to sit down with a few old friends, enjoy a glass of beer or two, and talk about old times again.

I guess that's how many soldiers feel. They don't want a lot of fuss made over them, with formal celebrating and such.

What they really like are the simple pleasures—one of Mom's home-cooked meals, visiting with friends over a glass of beer—enjoying things that mean home and comfort and security.

From where I sit, our biggest job, apart from helping win the war, is making sure those things are waiting for our men when they come back home for good times again.

Joe Marsh