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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Parry

Plain and fancy political monkeyshines are going on these days in Sunny Italy. The Moscow conference opines the once willing puppet of the Nazis should have more democracy, though what they will do with it, once they get it, is a question. Nevertheless, the Italians like the sample served them by the invading Allies. There has been a great change of heart, and seeing of the light, since the days when Il Duce from a balcony cast slurs upon the American form of government, while the massed masses, whooped and howled approval. The King, then gravely concerned about saving of the Imperial hide, embraced Fascism, with the zeal of a colored gentleman at a camp-meeting, and, more gusto than his people now hug democracy. His Highness has been advised he will have to make himself scarce around the royal palace. The Allies will take no chances on his becoming another piece of putty in the hands of another Mussolini, should one arise. But Marshal Pietro Badoglio, of Ethiopia and Greece campaigns fame, now Premier, really lets loose all holds, and goes to town. He proclaims: "I will not resign as premier until every German has been chased from Italy. Then I will resign, and chase the Germans some more." He will resign, at allied request. The matter of chasing Germans is his own business, at his own risks.

"Somebody took a side of bacon off Tobe Livingston last Thursday." (Willow Creek Jottings)—A rare, but painful trick.

YOU TRY FIRST (USDA Farm Bulletin)

"If the water is heated in the house it should be boiling when removed from the stove and carried to the barrel. At the time the hog is scalded the water should be at a temperature of 185° to 195° F. If no thermometer is at hand, stick the finger into the water three times in rapid succession, and if it burns severely the third time the water is about right."

The social whirl hereabouts has been activated anew by the discovery of a corporal who sings like F. Sinatra. War is war.

The proposal the Oregon and Washington Liquor commissions buy two Kentucky distilleries to obtain 70,000 gallons of whiskey has more angles than a scared jackrabbit fleeing from a speed idiot on a moonlight night. One of the leading objections is the fear it will speed the return of prohibition. The rum now on tap at all state saloons is getting the same results, at no cost, or need of a lawyer.

The ration price of soybean-burger, new hamburger, has gone up a point per pound.

The G. Cleveland Corum twins, despite their three years are still busy, and in everything but politics and the army.

ACTING HUMAN

"Squirrels aren't the clever little animals they are supposed to be, according to our own private research. We watched a clever little fellow from our window the other day and this is what he did. He came down the walnut tree, went across a small patch of lawn, climbed into a box with a great show of caution, stole a nut, slipped back down to the ground, ran over near the tree trunk past plenty of nuts lying on the ground, dug a hole, put his nut in, retraced his steps over the lawn, up over the box and down, over the spot of lawn again and past his buried nut and up the tree." (Maxine Buren in Salem Statesman.)

Back to Normalcy?

Sooner or later, the worm always turns.

After crawling in the Roosevelt-New Deal groove for a decade, the political worm has turned at last, and unless all signs fail the Democratic honeymoon is definitely over.

The result in New York state is particularly significant.

A hard fight was made by Jim Farley, supported by President Roosevelt to defeat the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor of New York, Joe Hanley.

For Hanley's victory would mean not only a Republican victory in the all-important New York state; it would mean a Governor Dewey victory, and allow the Governor to resign, run for President next year, and leave the state house safely in Republican hands. Hanley won going away!

THE Republicans won in practically every other state and city contest, and may even win out eventually in the important border state of Kentucky for Governor although at the present writing the Democratic candidate is leading by a nose.

Not only has the worm turned in a partisan sense, but even more significantly it has convoluted, temperamentally.

Analyze all these state returns, and in practically every instance the radicals, of every description, from outright Communists to conscientious New Dealers, were soundly beaten. The people are plainly tired of turning to the left, everything indicates they have wormed back to the right and once more long for normalcy.

We believe WENDELL Willkie is entirely right when he says yesterday's results all point one way—"the country is tired—very tired—of the national administration."

NOT as far as the war, or any foreign relationships are concerned. But as far as running the domestic affairs of this country, are concerned.

And if the war should happen to be over a year hence, nothing (as we see it) could prevent defeat of the Democrats, whether they should have Franklin Delano Roosevelt for the candidate or someone else.

But don't risk any of your war bonds, boys and girls—that "IF" is a big one!

If This Be Treason - - !

We enthusiastically commend the Draft Board of Little Falls, Minnesota, and wish every draft board in the country would follow their example.

With another coal strike called, in spite of the solemn pledge of practically every labor leader in the country—except John L. Lewis!—to outlaw strikes for the duration, the Little Falls board issued this manifesto:

"We will induct no more men into the army. Why put men into the service if we can not take care of these already in. If a million men can go on strike, who is going to support the soldiers already in the armed forces?"

Who indeed! And who is running this country—and this war anyway—President Roosevelt or John L. Lewis!

The President ordered the coal mines taken over by the government and ordered the miners to go back to work.

But according to all reports, at this writing, 99% of the striking miners have refused the President's order and will continue to refuse until John L. Lewis gives the word for them to return!

Meanwhile factories making vital war supplies are threatened with complete close-downs, the normal munition production has already been curtailed, and in some of the larger cities thousands of men, women and children can't get enough coal to keep warm!

AND in Italy, and over in the Solomons, hundreds of thousands of American boys are fighting the battles of John L. Lewis and his striking miners, risking their lives every day, undergoing indescribable suffering, and hundreds dying—

While the life-blood of their defense and final victory is being threatened more and more, by ONE MAN, who, drunk with power, places his own advantage and that of his union above everything else, in cluding his country, and is perfectly content to see this war prolonged, and countless lives needlessly sacrificed if he and his union can only get more pay!

We don't believe we would care to be in John L. Lewis' shoes when these boys come marching home!

It Is Cockeyed

An official O.P.A. has sent us a request to file our criticisms of prevailing rent control—if any.

Well, we have one very definite criticism, and no doubt after a survey would have more.

But this one is, in our judgment, flagrant and completely unjustified.

There is no allowance made in freezing rents for the acknowledged increase in living costs—and therefore no allowance for the increase IN ALL COSTS of repairs, maintenance, labor and what have you.

THIS just doesn't make sense!

Why should higher costs be considered in every other direction, and not in the direction of rents?

Yet, unless we have been misinformed, any landlord who dares to increase his rents, solely because of increased costs, and only in that proportion—will be fined, reprimanded, forced to disgorge, and thrown out into the snow!

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 WOMAN'S FIGURE, COMFORT, HEALTH AND BEAUTY

From the standpoint of hygiene or health, I do solemnly assure all parents, grandparents, aunts and teachers, that in any season, climate or weather in North America it is always right, correct, proper and OK for tots,urchins, moppets, children or kids to go barefooted, bareheaded, barekneed, bare naked, sans wraps, without overcoats, minus throat muffers, without heavy underwear, as they like when they wear. Of course, I take it for granted the young one is not an imbecile. Any normal three-year-old knows enough to come in out of the cold or wet if he or she doesn't enjoy the "exposure."

Discussing here recently the question "Why Should a Girl Wear a Girdle," I promised to describe a tapering off plan for misguided girls who have already cultivated the habit of wearing such harness, as well as for women who have suffered corset complaint for years. In every instance the degree of injury depends of course on how much the girl or woman has depended on the artificial support and how little she has depended on her own muscles for support. An individual who has worn a splint or cast for only a month or two regains normal strength of the muscles and ligaments more readily after discarding the splint or brace than does one who has been so confined for a year or more.

The tapering off plan involves some exercise, I'm afraid. Regular daily systematic calisthenics calculated to restore to something like normal strength the muscles which weaken and become flabby from disuse imposed by corset or girdle. For women who have not yet reached middle age the exercises described and illustrated in *The Last Brady Symphony* are suitable. For complete words and music send ten cents and stamped envelope bearing your

address. For women who have reached or passed maturity, the exercises described and illustrated in *The 7 Keys to Vite* are more suitable—for this booklet send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address. No clippings, please.

In any case the daily exercises should be taken in minimum doses at first, and the daily dose gradually increased week by week until a full session requiring ten minutes or more each night and morning becomes routine.

Two weeks after beginning the regular exercise schedule the woman should begin going without harness—only a short time at first, say for half an hour a day, and then increase her free time to, say, an hour a day the second month, two hours a day the third month, half a day the fourth or fifth month, and so on. As her muscles recover tone and resume their supporting function she will find she has less and less need for artificial support.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Better Ship It

Kindly inform me regarding hydrochloric acid which is part of the normal stomach contents. Where it comes from, what could cause a deficiency... perhaps you can name a book I can get in the public library. (Mrs. P. M.)

Answer—You can get Howell's Textbook of Physiology in the public library. But I advise you not to delve in medical books.

Baby Sleeps Prone

Baby, five months old, sleeps on her stomach. I have been told that this will cause crooked teeth and a facial deformity. (Mrs. L.)

Answer—If she were my baby I'd sleep in whatever position she prefers. Ben Told is wrong.

Cancer Not Communicable

Aunt who lives with us kept notes her brother made during his last illness (with cancer). We are afraid the papers may be dangerous to handle. (Miss R. S.)

Answer—No ground for such fear. Cancer is not communicable. Ordinary soap and water cleanliness is adequate precaution against ordinary infection such as might occur from any open or discharging wound, sore or ulcer. (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. 30.—(Special Correspondence)—As this is written, the official status of the proposal to construct an alumina-from-clay plant in the Northwest is obscure. WPB's production executive committee which, in WPB is "the works," has now withdrawn its previous order withholding permission to build the plants. That is the way the statement from PEC reads. However, it goes on to say that the plants (one in South Carolina, one in Wyoming and one in the Northwest) may be built providing they do not require in their building, critical materials or essential manpower.

The manpower commission takes an interesting position in the matter following the PEC action. WMC says, in effect, "We have nothing further to say about it—local interests in the Northwest declared at previous hearings on the subject that they had names and addresses of more than enough available and non-essential labor to proceed with plant construction. So far as we are concerned, let them go ahead—that is no concern of ours." In other words, they seem to think that the bluff, if that is the proper word, of some Oregon and Washington committees has been called. To my way of thinking there was no bluff about it. The location of the plant has not yet been determined, but I am sure that sufficient manpower can be obtained at any one of the several possible locations mentioned.

The "no critical materials" catch in the WPB grudging permission to build the alumina-from-clay plant is far more dangerous to the actual realization of our hopes than the manpower problems.

PRODUCED only from bauxite, as it is now, aluminum production is controlled almost entirely by one company. This company owns the South American deposits and it also owns all of the high grade bauxite deposits in the United States. But when the processes for obtaining alumina from clay are fully developed, there can be no aluminum monopoly. Aluminum bearing clays exist in many sections of this country and in vast quantities.

THEY talk about the shortage of manpower as a reason for not constructing the clay process plants. Nonsense. Two years ago we sent an army down to Dutch Guiana to protect the bauxite mines and miners. The army is still there. We are building ships frantically in order to get soldiers and supplies to the battle fronts, but 200 shiploads of bauxite will be imported from South America this year on armed bauxite boats—and more will

come in next year for only recently (October 1) bauxite mining in Arkansas was curtailed 65 per cent! They talk about manpower. The alumina to feed the Northwest aluminum reduction plants, forty per cent of the nation's output of aluminum for war, must be hauled 2600 miles constantly tying up 650 freight cars and requiring considerable train-crew manpower.

We are throwing the manpower issue right back at them, and in definite language. By not proceeding to develop alumina from clay in the Northwest, they are wasting manpower as follows: an army in Guiana numbering thousands of men; a fleet of bauxite boats requiring hundreds of sailors and gun crews; hundreds of transcontinental bauxite trains. I have, by the way, mentioned these facts not only in discussing the matter "down town," but in a speech on the floor of the house.

THERE is daily increasing pressure on congress from the people to readjust prices by law. Price control was authorized for the duration under the Price Control Act passed by congress, and therefore it is the function of the Office of Price Administration (OPA). That is an administrative agency under the control and immediate direction of the executive department—in other words, the president. He has the final decision under the war emergency setup.

That is the way our system of government works. The congress writes the basic laws and the executive attends to the administration of them.

THERE is another plan for meeting the fuel shortage situation in Oregon and Washington coming up, I am told. Once more assurance has been given that fire-wood will not be rationed, but the solid fuels administration insists that the fuel situation in the two states is critical and that something must be done. It is about an even bet that some form of subsidy will be devised. The government "economists" have gone subsidy-minded in a big way.

Editorial Comment

From Klamath Falls Herald and News:

The crops on the Tulelake WRA project, which Japanese there have refused to harvest, were grown for the nourishment of the people of Japanese ancestry at Tulelake and the nine other relocation centers.

But these Tulelake Japs, who are on the records as disloyal, no doubt are confident that the United States government will not permit evacuees to starve, regardless of whether the crop at Tulelake is harvested.

They are therefore proceeding on the theory that anything of a productive nature they do will be an aid to the American nation and the American war effort.

So, evidently, they intend to do nothing.

That indicates a picture of some 20,000 persons sitting in idleness at Tulelake for the duration. That may not be the unanimous choice of the evacuees, but the experience with the work-registers, can control the action of the entire population.

A population larger than that of Klamath Falls, sitting in idleness within the confines of the Tulelake center, constitutes a situation that is not pleasant to contemplate. Idleness breeds mischief, and it becomes increasingly clear that the authorities have a serious business on their hands at Tulelake.

We need hardly point out again that this dynamite key is undesirably located near the Pacific coast, near major transportation arteries, and in the center of a productive area depending for its productivity largely upon vulnerable irrigation structures.

The planning that first located an evacuee center at Tulelake, and then made it the center for concentration of all disloyal evacuees, can hardly be classified as intelligent. But it has been blunderingly consistent.

In excess of 2500 acres of good farm land was taken over by the War Relocation Author-

ity for agricultural use on the project.

This land was previously farmed by white operators, who made it produce well and harvested the crops.

It would appear that consideration will now be given to returning this land to the jurisdiction of the reclamation service, which can proceed to lease it out again to white farmers.

That can be done in time for full operation next year. Meanwhile, the project director at Tulelake, Ray Best, assures us that he is going to see to it that the 1943 crop is harvested, and he talks as if he means it.

But it won't be done by Tule Japanese. What they do at Tulelake is voluntary, and they have volunteered to sit down.

Let us offer here a word of caution to those who feel strongly about the situation at the nearby center.

Expression of sober criticism is every one's right, but this is an excellent time to avoid inflammatory talk. It should be kept in mind always that the government has certain responsibilities in connection with this situation, and that one of these is to avoid anything that could be used as an excuse for ill-treatment of our own men in Japanese hands.

This is a problem for the authorities to handle. If we don't like the way they do it, we can say so. But it's still their job. Let's not forget that.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

November 3, 1933

(It Was Friday)

President rejects farm price plan.

Wayne L. Morse, dean of law at University of Oregon, rocks campus with luncheon speech suggesting chairman of board of higher education resign.

Oregon defeats Utah 26 to 7 at Eugene.

Cong. Mott here to study southern Oregon interests.

Fair, High 61, low 39 degrees.

University club to have housewarming at new quarters.

Medford high defeats Eugene 3 to 0, in hard night game.

Last month was the hottest October in 28 years, weather records show.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

November 3, 1913

(It Was Sunday)

President Coolidge disappointed on French attitude towards payment of war debt to America.

Fair, High 58, low 36 degrees.

Agate and Mt. Pitt school boys win essay prizes.

State to vote on income tax measure Tuesday.

America plans to feed German hungry to avert European famine.

Annual Red Cross drive launched.

Gov. Pierce names Attorney Newton W. Borden, district attorney.

New Baptist church is dedicated. Contributions amount to \$9,180. Pipe organ to be dedicated Tuesday.

Funerals Halted by

Strike in Cemetery

Niles, Ill., Nov. 3—(U.P.)—Ten funerals were disrupted at St. Adalbert's cemetery when hearse-drivers refused to cross striking cemetery workers' picket lines.

Pallbearers were obliged to leave coffins in temporary receiving vaults yesterday after the drivers refused to cross lines established by 70 striking members of the Cemetery Workers' Union seeking a 20-cent hourly wage increase. Mourners left flowers inside.

RELIEF COMING IN ORANGE SHORTAGE

Los Angeles, Nov. 3—(U.P.)—

The nation's orange shortage will be relieved before Thanksgiving with the marketing of a California navel crop one-third larger than that of last year, the California Fruit Growers' Exchange said today.

The new crop is 5,000,000 boxes greater than the one marketed a year ago, Paul S. Armstrong, Exchange manager, said.

He said the orange shortage that has plagued housewives since May was caused by lend-lease and army orders for 20 per cent of the 1942 crop.

CATTLE OWNER SEEKS

DELAY TO MAKE CHECK

Walter Woolridge of the Roxy Ann district charged with permitting cattle to run at large, appeared in justice court yesterday and asked until Friday to enter a plea. He desires to check the cattle and see if they all belong to him. The complaint was filed by the sheriff's office.

Willard Whitman of the Coker Butte district, in a complaint filed by the Humane Society, is charged with cruelty to an animal. It is alleged Whitman did not feed a horse.



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