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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The invasion awoke memories

in World War I veterans.

It started them talking a brand

of French and Frenchmen or

themselves understand.

Super-coyotes are ranging the

northern California sagebrush

south of Klamath Falls. They

are a cross between a police

dog and a coyote with a streak

of meanness that would turn a

member of Herr Hitler's Gestapo

green with envy.

Fourth of July queen contests

have been launched in several

Oregon communities. There are

many grandmothers in the state

who once were elected the

'Statue of Liberty', and on the

birthday of the nation rode

down Main Street, on a flag-

draped hay wagon.

Speculation continues over

the cabinet appointees of Gov.

Dewey, when and if chosen

President. Political writers agree

it is knee-deep in uncertainty.

One thing, however, is a copper-

riveted certainty. Harry

Hopkins will not continue as a

deputy president.

T'WAS EVER THUS

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

"The fancy for wearing

jewelry is growing apace and

long watch chains are becoming

popular again. . . . It is not

at all necessary that there

be a watch at the end of the

chain, for the utility element

is a minor consideration."—

(50 yr. ago col.)

A major general has been

sent home from the front for

talking. It's a poor curdy comb

that do scratch both ways,

but nobody can be sent to the

front for same thing.

Congress has before it a sug-

gestion to boost the pay of

'combat doughboys \$10.', with

a further reward of a bronze

medal, as an 'incentive mea-

sure'. The secretary of war ex-

plains the pay raise is not in-

tended as money compensation

for 'hardships and hazards as

such things cannot be paid for

in money'. To get around this

fine point should be no great

job. The remuneration could be

specified as payment for keep-

ing their helmets on straight

throughout the battle.

OBLIGING

(Ogden Standard Union)

"Family lawyer will read

the will next Sunday morning

at the residence of —H—,

who died May 23 to accommo-

date his relatives.

Lend-Lease has been a bit

complicated and befuddling to

the layman, and the spending

of the cash therein involved

has occasionally staggered some-

thing besides his imagination.

One of its purposes, and a good

one, is to win the war, and

incidentally keep the Duchess

of Windsor dressed up and pert.

We quote from the American

Mercury, as follows:

"Wartime restrictions on

the transfer of money from an

English possession have

complicated her buying to

some extent but I hear (no

one will officially confirm

or deny this) that the State

Department foots the Wind-

sors' bills on a lend-lease

arrangement. For example,

the Duchess' \$750 evening

gown might be charged

against a U. S. Navy man's

board and keep in Narsau."

As one of the ten best dressed

women on earth, with an average

purchase of 100 dresses per

year, it does seem the Duchess

should struggle along at great

sacrifice in one of her old

evening gowns for the duration.

ACTOR KNIGHTED

London, June 8.—(U.P.)—C.

Audrey Smith, motion picture

actor, was knighted in the birth-

day honors list of King George

VI yesterday for his work in

British and American pictures.

The honors list also raised Vic-

count Halifax, British ambas-

sador to the United States, to

an Earl.

It Is Too Bad, But,--!

Our special operative in Washington contributes a bit of comic relief in this solemn hour.

He declares the Republicans in congress blame President Roosevelt for pulling a fast one and ruining all chances of a successful G.O.P. convention in Chicago less than three weeks hence.

They maintain the present invasion drive will be at its height about the 26th of this month,—this is the 8th,—and that the effort to arouse interest in what is said and done by the G.O.P. in convention assembled at that time, will be about as successful as an effort to hold back the waters of Niagara Falls with a tea-spoon.

Republican leaders are so concerned indeed that postponement of the convention for several weeks is being considered.

WELL that IS a new one,—that F.D.R. is responsible we mean.

True he did have something to do with fixing the invasion date as the first week in June; but his influence could not have been very great with the members of the Republican National committee, who selected June 26th!

WE don't blame the G.O.P. for being concerned about their convention however.

Regardless of how the invasion proceeds, we fear the time-honored hocus-pocus of a party convention,—and national conventions, like circuses, NEVER change,—will fall with a dull and rather sickening thud upon the war-conscious mind of the American electorate, while the guns are roaring over there in the greatest battle of modern times.

And it may well be that knowing when "D day" would come, President Roosevelt was responsible for the convention date of his own party being advanced several weeks ahead of the customary time.

BUT to seriously maintain the President in so doing put over a fast one or took advantage of his high official position, to throw a monkey-wrench into the opposition convention arrangements, only shows in our judgment how over-heated and distorted partisan feelings in the upper councils of the G.O.P. have become.

It IS too bad. But after all if any ONE person is to blame it is Hitler not Franklin Delano Roosevelt; for after all the war is responsible and Adolf not F.D.R., started that.

Was the Attack A Surprise?

The great popular mystery of the channel invasion thus far is, why the German resistance has been so slow and comparatively ineffective.

According to some of the foreign correspondents, those high in allied command were greatly surprised that the landings and consolidations were "so easy". They can't, it is claimed, quite make it out.

Well, we are disposed to take that report with a grain of salt.

COULD it be true after all these months of preparation and warning that the Germans really WERE caught flat-footed,—taken entirely by surprise, particularly in Brittany,—and the allies therefore, gained a foothold on the beaches at far less cost than anticipated?

THAT is possible, of course.

Anything is possible in this crazy war. But until there is official confirmation for any such assumption this department at least is very much from Missouri.

WHAT is the explanation then?

Well here is our two-bits worth, from a source which, we admit, is non-professional and amateurish with a capital "A".

As we see it, there were two main reasons, for the comparative ease of these allied beach landings. One was the incredible air-cover, the greatest assembly of fighting planes the world has ever seen, and in the air at least practically unopposed.

The second was the advantage inherent in any offensive, namely,—the offensive KNOWS where its main attacks will strike, the defense doesn't,—it can only guess.

Such an amazing air cover,—aided by naval gunfire,—rendered any all-out-beach-defense, suicidal,—any heavy man-power concentration would have been annihilated. So the beach defense had to be thin, entrenched, and scattered.

AND because the Germans could not know the allied plan and where the main smash,—or smashes,—were to occur, there could be no heavy all-out-defense at any one spot without running the risk of a serious break-through, in some weak place elsewhere without proper reserves to halt it in time to prevent a wide spread disaster.

IN other words with the allies in COMPLETE CONTROL of the air, over a coast line of several hundred miles, free to strike a concentrated blow at ANY point, at ANY time, we don't believe the allied command ever believed, with their great numbers, up-to-date equipment and superb preparation, the establishment of beach-heads would in itself be ESPECIALLY costly. There would be some slip-ups of course,—but taken all in all,—the tough going would come not with the establishment of beach-heads but thereafter.

And our guess is that is just about what happened. The men themselves and some of their junior officers may have been pleasantly surprised, at the comparative ease of the operation, for they had been coached to expect the worst of course. But we doubt very much if the members of the Allied Command were.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 8.—The splendid success of our first crack into the Nazi west wall must be measured against the prospect that the Germans ordinarily would require two or three days to muster their scattered forces for a counter-attack—and in that counter-attack the real fight will come.



Paul Mallon

The wall itself is about 15 miles deep on an average. Good fortified works run back far, far, with minor works even farther back. The depth did not count under our strategy because we landed a great army by air to squeeze it from the inside as well as the beaches.

But the Germans naturally would want to wait to see whether this Normandy landing developed into our real attack before pushing their reserves into the fray. Their armies have been held far back from the coast at strategic road junctions to meet the real battle in any direction presented. It was three days after our easy landing at Salerno that we ran into near-annihilation in an ambush.

THERE can be no doubt that we achieved a certain tactical surprise. Their radio did not broadcast the news of the invasion until 12:40 a. m. EWT, after our airborne troops actually had landed. If the Germans had not been received, they would have spread the alarm the moment our ships left England to journey three or more hours across the Channel.

Furthermore, their radio had broadcast only two days earlier that no invasion could be expected for a month. Up to that time, they had been expecting the blow every day.

THEIR generals seem to have decided that our daily threats were fakes designed to keep them from reinforcing their troops in Italy. The false Associated Press advance report of invasion seems only to have confused them although you would think it would have served as a warning.

That we were coming, however, was no surprise to anyone. Indeed, this was the most highly advertised and publicized invasion of all military history, and achieved its deception only in the confusion of over-advertising. Also it was the most fully reported of military actions, though not by Gen. Eisenhower, whose communications were wisely terse and uncommunicative.

ALSO, we hit at the best spot geographically for continental invasion. By landing south of the Seine river, we chose the shortest, least hilly route to Paris, and a position which would afford us the protection of the river on our left flank as we moved toward the city.

The nature of the fighting and the form the battles will take, however, will depend largely on the German counter-attacks and Gen. Eisenhower's future operations, which no one can surmise in advance.

Evidences of cracking German manpower have appeared lately in Italy and on the Russian front (where, incidentally, the Red have been making time the past few weeks only to synchronize their efforts with ours, rather than reorganize their forces and supplies as advertised).

WHETHER the manpower deficit will appear in France and enable us to break them swiftly will not be evident until the real battle develops fully. All the surprises at the outset were in our favor. The Luftwaffe was strangely missing, although it should have been used at the first instant on our ships crossing the Channel.

The promised counter air attack on London, or even invasion of Britain, failed to materialize, and there were no immediate reports of vaulted secret weapons or the use of gas.

PROWLER AT LARGE IN DAKOTA STREET AREA

Ed Kirtley of 621 Dakota street reported to city police this morning that a prowler has been in his neighborhood recently, as noted by himself and a next-door neighbor, a Mrs. Burns. Kirtley stated that evidence showed the unidentified person piled up bricks under a window last night, attempting to peer into the Burns home. She notified Kirtley of the incident.

EGGS FOR "GANG"

Columbia, Mo. (U.P.)—Officials at the Boone County Courthouse here stop in twice weekly at County Clerk R. M. Morris' office to "gather" fresh eggs from a large reed basket on the counter. Sixty hens on the Morris farm out of Columbia lay as many as 40 eggs a day, so the clerk brings the extras into town for the courthouse "gang."

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

June 8, 1934

(It Was Friday)

Billion dollar development plans for Columbia River development and irrigation.

Appointment of Rex G. Tugwell, "brain trust" chief of the New Deal as under-secretary of agriculture is opposed in Senate.

Ray Gill, state Grange master may run as an independent for governor in the fall.

Trade war looms with Argentina over wheat pact.

Local trio held for violation of Knox liquor law.

Army recruiting officers here looking for enlistments.

Texas pickers go on strike and tomatoes rot in fields.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

June 8, 1914

(It Was Saturday)

Cleveland street car workers strike on eve of GOP convention.

Snow fell all day at Crater Lake.

First rehearsals for "Robin Hood" pageant held.

May was a dry month with only .15 of an inch of rain.

Anti-Klan plank to be put in Republican national platform.

Fair. High 83 low 45 degrees. Dry spell is broken by a light thunderstorm and show.

Republican convention opens in Cleveland. Keynote speech declares against America joining League of Nations. President Coolidge's name is wildly cheered.

Ashland Employs Hospital Manager

Ashland, June 8.—The mayor and city council in regular meeting Tuesday night decided that the only way out was to undertake the management of the Community hospital, at least temporarily, and employed C. M. Frazier of this city as superintendent of the hospital, to commence his duties immediately. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Nims will remain in the hospital until June 10th, at which time Mr. Frazier will assume full control on behalf of the city.

Brownsboro

Brownsboro, June 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Huber of Yakima, Wash., spent a few days recently with Mrs. Huber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

Miss Marian Casper of Medford spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Ira Woolfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Charley and daughter, Irene, also Grace Stultz of Reese Creek, have gone to Astoria to see Mr. and Mrs. Charley's son, Clayton Charley of the navy.

Mrs. J. Renfro, who has been on a visit with her sister, Mrs. L. Weaver of Bandon, returned May 31 to her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons of Ashland visited their daughter, Mrs. Mae Gage June 4.

Miss Betty Lou Walsh and her sister of Lake Creek spent June 1 and 2 with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hansen.

CHICKEN A DAY

New York, June 8.—(U.P.)—Joseph Asaro, 35, kept 18 chickens on the roof of his home and the neighbors began to complain. Summoned to Flatbush, Brooklyn, for violation of the sanitary code, Asaro said he had eaten six of the chickens but "if I've got to eat the other 12, for heaven's sake, give me enough time." The court gave him until June 20—12 days.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer Friday. Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday. Cooler with local frost in eastern portion.
Local Data
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 88; lowest 53.
Total monthly precipitation, 43 inch. Excess for the month, -22 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 14.68 inches. Deficiency for the season, 1.13 inches.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 24%; 4:30 a. m. today, 64%.
Forecast
Sunrise 5:35 a. m., sunset 8:45 p. m. Past 24 hours: High 74 Low 40.
Boise 74 40
Chicago 72 60
Denver 69 48
Bureau 57 50
Havre 57 30
Los Angeles 61 61
Medford 73 46
New York 74 48
Omaha 65 33
Phoenix 102 64
Portland 65 46
Reno 88 49
Rooseburg 61 48
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TWO LOCAL BOYS REPORTED MISSING

Two boys were being sought by city police last night and today, after their parents reported they were missing from home. No connection was believed attached between the cases since one boy has been missing since Monday, and the other disappeared only yesterday.

Chester Marlow of Griffin Creek, 15 years of age left home Monday and has not been seen by his family since. He is described as 5'6" tall, 125 pounds, and dressed in blue overalls, Boy Scout hat, yellow polo shirt and black boots. The boy is reported to have run away from home before.

W. L. Jansen of Rt. 1, box 290A reported last night that his son, Edward LaVern Jansen, 13, came to town early yesterday morning and was expected to return at once. At 8 p. m. he had not yet returned home. The boy was dressed in green-blue striped trousers, blue shirt, and wore no hat. He is light complexioned, has fair hair and was riding his Victory bicycle when he left home.

Prospect Church Evangelist Will Project Wonders

Prospect, June 8.—Ernest Linwood Hawkes, astronomer-evangelist from Los Angeles, will deliver a series of illustrated addresses on the general subject, "Wonders of the Earth, Sky and Air," at the Church of the Nazarene, Prospect, commencing Tuesday, June 13, and running through the following Sunday. Screen pictures of the heavens will be shown by the largest projector made. The moon will appear as though but sixty miles away instead of 238,000; immense sun-spots, solar corona, flaming geysers shooting out 162,000 miles from the sun. Mr. Hawkes has one of the finest fluorescent rock displays and demonstrations will be given with the magic-eye and photo-electric light, lucite rods which deflect light, sound recording and reproduction, and the polarization of light.

All of this is described as "streamlining the Gospel, or old-fashioned religion in new attire." No admission is charged and services begin at 8 p. m.

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by anyone other than myself. Roy M. Eide.

Too Late to Classify

LIVESTOCK auction every Saturday at pavilion, Phoenix, Ore., commencing at 1 p. m. We have had a buyers market on good dairy cows and heifers. If you are on the market for anything in this class be sure you attend our sale. Have some good consignments of cattle and hogs for next sale. If you have anything in the best cattle line it will bring its highest market price. Our sale force are experienced handlers of livestock.

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15 HEAD of big fat beef cows will be sold at Phoenix Livestock Auction Saturday.

1933 Pontiac sport coupe for sale. Good rubber. \$215. Phone 3804.

ROOM for rent with kitchen privileges, \$7 week. Phone 4557.

WANTED—Boy about 14 to hop bottles on milk route. Phone 6325.

GUERNSEY cows for sale. Ready to calve. High grade. S. L. Johnston, Appleton, Ore.

6 DOZ. New Hamp. laying pullets, 10 months, with roosters, \$1 each. All or part. A. F. James, Rt. 2,