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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

An upstate republican editor asks "Just how much will the nation stand for? The answer is easy. Too much!"

The first cutting of yellow mustard, in many fields, shows considerable alfalfa, farmers report.

Gasoline rationing will curb Fourth of July celebrations, "it is feared," a report says. The "fear" is not fearful enough as yet, to cause any fearing, there will be any curb on the observance of the nation's birthday by patriotically endeavoring to catch a fish.

"Since returning from college she has been helping her mother."—King Creek Briefs.—No need of being in any rush to confer the Medal of Merit and Distinguished Service.

Business predicts the post-war period will see a revival of the NRA as an emergency measure. All but the very young can recall how, during the Depression merchants pasted the "Blue Eagle" in windows and the slats.

"For Sale.—Birds, two lovely singers. Also oven roaster."—(Palo Alto Times).—Bulwark against famine.

Statistics show four out of every five men and women smoke cigarettes. The fifth woman, however, does not stand around cussing cigarettes while chewing tobacco.

Report to Robert W. Sawyer, editor of the Bend Bulletin: As you claim there is no "Jap Creek" in Deschutes county, as recently alleged herein. Gosh, at maps through reading microscopes by four federal agencies, the sheriff and state police, further shows there is no "Jap Creek" in any other eastern Oregon county. However, there is a Job Creek in Baker county, meandering in the vicinity of Unity. The "Peepcock Holmes" of the law enforcement units deduce some lumpy operator on either the Baker Democrat-Herald or the La Grande Observer, inadvertently set Job Creek to read Jap Creek and thus an error and a paragraph were born. As you know, the lumpy operator will blame the writing of the country correspondent.

SHE'S PREJUDICED (Lakeview Examiner)

"This is the second time the Daniels have been too close for comfort to lightning strikes as they were both knocked down once on the mountain slopes west of Lake City. Mrs. Daniels as a result is dreadfully afraid of lightning."

Gardeners report the cucumbers are not doing well in the cool weather. It is no time for a cucumber to be as cool as one.

American troops are stationed in Wales at Cmw. Cmw is pronounced "Koom," and it would have been easier to have said so in the first place.

The Axis foes are now hard put by land, sea, and air, on all fronts. In Italy the Nazis are conducting "a masterly retreat" while taking a masterly beating. The Japanese in the Pacific have sustained shipping losses and air batteries of staggering proportions. The school of military thought, that prevailed in 1942-1943 held defeats only made the Krauts and the Nips stronger, and prolonged the war. The enemies are fast running out of hell, to have kicked out of them.

The Safety Council figures the post-war auto drivers will lack recklessness and it is reflected in their current driving. However, there will always be a few trying to drive through a phone pole instead of around it.

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You could by impartial and authoritative evidence, have your money in no safer or more profitable place.

Should We Follow Russia?

There is a wide spread belief, particularly among youngsters hereabouts, that Soviet Russia has something no other nation has got,—that the post-war world is going to be a Russian world, whether we like it or don't.

The main cause of this belief seems to be the marvelous showing Russia has made in this war,—as surprising as it has been a life-saver for the Allied cause.

And of course there is no doubt that Greater Russia WILL be one of the dominant nations of the world.

But not—as we see it,—because it has anything no other nation has, nor because its form of government is so superior to all other forms.

IN fact one of the delightful ironies of this Russian whoop-la now sweeping this country,—and other parts of the world,—is this undeniable fact: that while so many of our youngsters think they should go to Russia to find out the marvelous magic existing there; Russia is staying awake nights trying to find out the secret of America's magic touch,—and in literally a thousand different ways is imitating the American way of doing things down to the minutest detail. Yes, when the rulers of Russia are stumped in any direction especially in industrial problems what do they do?

They send post-haste to get an American engineer to tell them how to solve it. And he TELLS them—with all expenses paid and a fat bonus.

OR to express the same idea in another way. While the new generation in this country wants so to follow Russia and turn to the left, Russians are doing everything in THEIR power to get their hastily constructed social and industrial machine in the Yankee groove and turned TO THE RIGHT!

And in this particular instance Russia is making the wise decision the United States fellow travellers are NOT!

FINALLY, there is the matter of government,—the idea that Russia in its form of government,—whatever it is,—has discovered a kind of magic political formula which one of these days will be adopted by the rest of the world, including America.

Because Russia started out to establish a communistic state there is also a widespread belief that this great political panacea is communism.

WELL it ISN'T. Russia tried communism and then dropped it, for the sole and simple reason that it didn't work. And it couldn't be made to work.

What Russia has now is a kind of state controlled capitalism, under a ruthless one-man dictatorship, but with special emphasis upon the welfare and betterment of the Russian masses.

The spark-plug of capitalism, however, which is the profit-motive, has not been abandoned. Nor have class distinctions, though the latter have been put in reverse,—the former serfs are now in control, the former aristocracy are the dispossessed.

And because the former always far outnumber the latter, the system supported by such tremendous man power and such a wealth of natural resources, does,—for Russia and the Russians,—WORK.

But it is nothing ideologically to adopt elsewhere, and especially in this country. The Russian course, from left to right, with the American standard of living and industrial development its cherished goal,—PROVES IT!

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 13.—The unresolved conflict between the four freedoms and radical ideologies which is apparent behind the confusing political news from abroad is also conspicuous behind much domestic news and interpretation.



Paul Mallon

The leftists' journals are currently campaigning for the Beveridge proposed "way of life" in Britain, with the critical demand that it also be pursued here. They think that is what the four freedoms mean—assumption by the state of more complete authority over the lives of men economically, fixing their wages, their employment, their security rather than encouraging the individual to do it himself on his own initiative. That is the kind of peace and post-war planning they want.

But we have campaigned this way through to a point near victory on the basis of bringing liberty and democracy for the individual both here and abroad. Is their thinking now not as confused and as far wrong as it was a few months ago when they were campaigning for a wage of milk a day and labor-quart standards to be fixed throughout the world?

WHAT is liberty? What is democracy? What is freedom of the individual? If we do not first decide that, how can there be anything but confusion about post-war planning?

To me, an individual enslaved to a state economically by taxation or otherwise is no less a slave than if controlled politically. In a dictatorship, his life is no more free than the conscience and ability of the man who happens to be running the state at any given time.

If he has a democratic form, he is still no more free than by whatever degree his president and congress are free from domination by minority class groups and interests. In the religious sense, he is not free if he is dominated by one world imperial power.

The radicals see this, but this part of it only. How can they expect anyone to believe domination brings economic freedom when they see so well it does not bring religious freedom? They could not consider the world politically free if it was dominated by one world imperial power, at least no one else would. Oneness domination never yet has achieved freedom or liberty or democracy in any way.

WHAT we would like to have is complete freedom for all peoples in all ways, economically, politically, religiously. This always has proved too idealistic a goal for the world to achieve entirely but by whatever further progress we make in that direction the peace will be successful. By whatever measure we compromise it, the peace will fail.

We were drawn deeper into what measure of collectivization we already had before this war only to meet failures. The ideal was not voluntarily espoused as the proper way of life. It was not what we wanted. It was what we had to take. Entering the war we assumed the additional collectivism only for war.

Our course in that direction should be pursued in the post-war peace only to whatever extent it will bring true justice to the individual. The star of individual freedom should never be eclipsed one inch by collectivism as our ideal.

Our success in this war was not due to collectivism, but to voluntary democratic co-operation by all hands. To whatever extent labor sacrificed its rights to strike it expects to get that right back, and so with all of us.

Internationally we did not win by collectivism either, but by truly democratic cooperation. One nation did not dominate the military decisions of how to proceed with the fighting. The democratic way is working well against a nation which practiced collectivism and preached subservience of the individual to the state.

THESE are rudiments of simple common sense for peace. If we wish to dispel confusion and plan our way, we must first define our words and understand our goals. We must decide that,

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We must abhor collectivism as an ideal, and compromise with it reluctantly and temporarily only to the extent truly necessary to bring justice to the individual.

We must abhor oneness domination, totalitarianism, dictatorship, and remember always that an individual enslaved to the state by any means whatever will have no more liberty and democracy than the fluctuating goodness and justice of that controlling force.

Men do not take well that kind of power either as the heads of worlds or any of the subdivisions of society, including nations, states, counties, cities or even labor unions.

CALIFORNIA SALES TAX TAKE GROWS

Sacramento, June 13.—(U.P.)—California sales tax revenues increased more than \$1,800,000 at the present 2½ per cent level in the first 11 months of the 1943-44 fiscal year than in the same period of the previous year under a 3 per cent tax, a report issued by State Controller Harry B. Riley showed today.

The current year's revenue totaled \$131,216,019 as compared to \$129,408,000 for the corresponding period last year, the report showed.

Riley said that the state treasury surplus on May 31 had increased \$19,708,107 over the April total to \$157,551,442.

Service Cross To Man Who Muffled Live Mortar Shell

Headquarters U. S. South Pacific Army Forces—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—Pfc. Jay L. Swenson, Fairview, U. I., who threw himself on a live mortar shell during a Japanese barrage of American forward positions on Bougainville Island, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

"His heroic act at the risk of his own life protected his comrades and other nearby soldiers from all effects of the explosion," Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commander, U. S. Army forces in the south Pacific, said. Swenson was carrying rations to soldiers in forward positions when the attack started March 15, 1944. He and a companion took cover in a small pit. A mortar thudded into their dugout and Swenson hurled himself on it. He suffered serious wounds.

THE GRANGE

Gold Hill Grange
Gold Hill H.E.C. held an enjoyable meeting June 7, with covered dish dinner at noon. Ethel Edington and Marianne Loeffler were visitors. Chairman Florence Howes treated the ladies to fresh strawberries. Florence Lance, vice-chairman, acted as secretary in absence of Sister Rook who is in Gresham with her sick husband.

Two new members' names were added to roll call: Frances Spurlin and Sadie Frink. Twenty-one pounds of fat was reported turned in to the government. Eleanor Ganong was remembered by her Flora Friend and Ethel Edington received a prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Puhl and Mrs. Bertha Potter will serve refreshments at next Grange meeting, June 22 instead of June 15, the change due to the state session in Grants Pass. Chairman Florence Howes urges all the sisters to enter cookies and candies in the contest at the convention.

TEXANS BAR NAMES OF PRO-F.D.R. ELECTORS

Dallas, Tex., June 13.—(U.P.)—The Texas State Democratic committee today in effect refused to place names of 23 pro-Roosevelt presidential electors on the July primary ballot, and the issue headed for the state supreme court.

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JAPANESE AGREE TO COOPERATE IN PRISONER RELIEF

The Japanese government has agreed to call for relief supplies, shipped to Vladivostok, Russia, last fall and intended for United States and allied prisoners of war and civilian internees held by Japan, and to arrange for distribution of future shipments, according to information received by the Jackson County chapter of the Red Cross. Red Cross officials state that after the supplies had been shipped to Russia, Japanese governmental representatives refused to call for them for a considerable period.

According to the information received here, the communication from the Japanese government was received by the U. S. government May 10, through Swiss government channels. The offer was made by the Japanese to send a Japanese ship to a Soviet port at regular intervals to pick up relief supplies already stored at Vladivostok and also included a plan for distribution of additional relief supplies and mail intended for allied nationals interned in the Far East which would be sent subsequently via Soviet territory. The Soviet government has expressed its willingness to cooperate, the article states, and has named a convenient Soviet Pacific port where the relief supplies already on Soviet territory may be picked up by a Japanese ship.

Relief supplies valued at approximately \$2,500,000 are now in warehouses at Vladivostok, the report states. Food, medicine and clothing constitute the main items transshipment to prisoners and internees.

Vacation With Pay Still Available in Fire Guard Service

Volunteers may still apply for vacation work at the Hamaker guard station, located above Union Creek, it was stated at the office of the Rogue River National Forest service today. This will make the second year that the station will be manned by men working for the service as fire guards during their vacation periods, due to the shortage of men available for the guard work.

The period from July 24 to August 6, and from August 6 to August 20 is still open, it was stated. It is pointed out that fishing in the locality is excellent, that there is a good house at the station and that the men will be paid the regular wages of the fire guards. Men taking the work must be able-bodied since they may be called upon to help fight fires, and should own a car.

Pin-Up Painter Girl Crazy Is Wife's Charge

New York, June 13.—(U.P.)—Earl Moran, painter of pin-up girls, was sued for separation today by his wife, Mura, who charged he had humiliated her by entertaining the model, Chill Williams, while she wore nothing and he wore next to nothing.

Mrs. Moran, who married Moran in St. Paul, Minn., in June, 1933, said that even on their honeymoon she had discovered him "sitting under a tree in the garden kissing another girl."

His "outrageous flirting, indecent dancing, hugging and kissing," was climaxed last summer when she went to his Fifth avenue studio and found him with Miss Williams.

MINES RELEASED

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—Coal Administrator Harold L. Ickes announced today that 59 tons of soft coal yearly in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Arkansas, and eastern Oklahoma have been released from government control and returned to their operating companies.

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 13, 1934.

(It was Wednesday)

Peargrowers and canners in meet at Klamath Falls agree to eliminate cull pears in effort to reduce pack.

Hogs advance 75 cents on Chicago market to bring top price to \$4.50 per hundred.

Fair. High 81, low 64 degrees.

Clarence Darrow, famed attorney, claims recovery program has "fascist trend" and aims at "capitalistic monopoly."

Japan and Russia bar disarmament agreement at Geneva.

T. E. Daniels is elected president of the state trapshoot association.

Rains cut cherry crop of valley 75 per cent.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

June 13, 1914

(It was Friday)

Bandits use gas to rob train near Chicago.

Detroit fans and Yankees battle in ball game riot.

Fair. High 79, low 52 degrees.

State income tax law is grilled at bankers convention at Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole Holmes and baby who went to Newport for a vacation are forced to return on account of the weather, and will spend the balance of their vacation on the MacKenzie river.

Cherry picking and pruning principal rural work in Phoenix district.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Roxy Ann 4-H

Roxy Ann 4-H is having a tour of the club June 15. All members are asked to meet at the Lehman home at 1 p. m.

On June 17 at 7 p. m., the club is having a fathers and mothers day picnic in the form of a wiener roast. Those attending are asked to bring enough food for their own families. In case of bad weather the picnic will be postponed.

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

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