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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Commentators—air and ink—have started their post-war frets over the future, and they are very unhappy about it. They predict 57 varieties of Hell will rage, and peace will be a worse calamity than the war. There will be a shortage of paper hankies to dry all the tears, and not enough double-bitted axes to cut the gloom. Misery will be the order of the day, and the nation will have to worry about itself, instead of getting a quart of milk to the Hottentots.

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The granddaughter of the district attorney arrived yesterday for a visit, and was royally welcomed by the official as an excuse to go to the circus.

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"Believe it or not I have some help. Let us have your work now. Wallpaper, kalsomine and venetian blind cleaning. Floor waxing." — (Bend Bulletin) — Some silver shows up in the lining of a cloud.

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"I'd like to see some summer," reported Mrs. Sarah Quail. "So far there has been no dust in the roads for me and the kids to waller in. More auto travel is also needed in the country to keep it stirred up," she said.

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CANINE DELINQUENCY
(Pendleton East Oregonian)

"A gentleman who resides near Pendleton is much concerned for the morals of his old family dog. About once each month the dog runs away from home and comes to town, resorting immediately to a certain saloon. There his wants are well known and his credit good. The last time he came to the city to get drunk he consumed five schooners of beer and one glass of whiskey, and when taken to his owner's road cart for carrying home was so much intoxicated that he could scarcely avoid falling from the vehicle"—(50 yrs. ago col.)

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The weather, the rocket planes of the Nazis, Finland, and the Portland ball team, lead in the race to be the saddest flops of June.

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Either today or tomorrow is the longest day of the year, just which astronomers disagree. Be that as it may, neither one is a runt.

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Everything heretofore the matter with the Sales Tax still is, it appears from letters of its opponents. The Sales Tax most prominent and unforgivable fault is: Nobody can get out of paying it. One of these days, defiance of common sense in Washington, D. C., will no longer be regarded as cute, and, a federal Sales Tax will be passed. Then the government, instead of the state, will get the financial gravy. This will cause great tearing of hair, gnashing of teeth, wailing far into the night, and tall explaining, without getting out of paying the Sales Tax.

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"The grocer was a small, timid man, but his wife was large and bossy and drove a good deal from the back seat, which she filled completely." — (Exchange)—No such a thing!

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THIS IS WAR!

"Did you ever hear the story about the Jerry who wanted to surrender but had a hard time doing so because his pants kept falling down? It happened when Pvt. Ernest Ross, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, was bringing in a group of prisoners. Suddenly one of them dropped his hands and grabbed his pants. "Get them hands up," yelled Ross, waving his tommy gun. Jerry did that right quick, but down plopped his pants again. His belt was busted. So the German shuffled along, stopping periodically to reach for his pants while Ross periodically threatened him with his tommy gun." —(Stars and Stripes)

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Cherbourg Peninsula Rugged

Pounding seas, periodic storms, and rushing tides through the ages have dented but failed to liquidate the plateau head of the embattled Cotentin (Cherbourg) Peninsula. Granite masses running through it crop out in promontories at its exposed corners, giving it the strength of Gibraltar, says the National Geographic Society.

The granite plateau head occupies nearly half of the portion of the peninsula that juts its 25-mile width northward 30 miles toward England from the rest of the Normandy mainland. On the weatherbeaten west coast it extends from the 420-foot Nez de Jobourg, near low, sandy Cap de la Hague, southward 20 miles past the granite bulk of Cap de Flamanville to the rocks of Cap de Carteret.

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THE depth of the plateau head along the east coast is only seven miles southward from Pointe de Barfleur in a curving arc of granite rocks past Pointe de Saire to St. Vaast la Hougue. Cherbourg, with its naval base and commercial harbor, lies low in front of the plateau at the center of its sagging north coast.

A trans-peninsula road joining Carteret with St. Vaast la Hougue extends in general along the uneven southern edge of the rolling plateau. The road passes through Bricquebec and Valogues, at each of which it is crossed by a highway and a railroad from Cherbourg.

Occasional bare ridges and wooded patches vary the village-dotted meadows of the plateau. Roughly triangular in shape with a blunt apex to the east, its area is 400 square miles and its average altitude is a little over 300 feet.

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SOUTH from the plateau, the Cotentin descends to low, rolling meadow land cut by stream valleys and covered with cider-apple orchards, buckmeat, and grasses. The coasts are low and sandy. The only wooded patches are in a line inland from the west coast and southward from Bricquebec.

A line from battle-scarred Carentan, port on the River Taute inland from the Grand Vey bight on the east coast, to the estuary of the River Ay near Lessay on the west coast, passes through a wide central marshy region, and marks the southern limit of the jutting portion of the peninsula. Only a three-mile neck of rising land west of the marsh and east of Lessay stands as a barrier to construction of a near-sea-level canal across this Normandy shoulder.

Ice Cream Dividend

"Make mine vanilla!"

Declaration by the War Food Administration of a 30,000,000-gallon extra dividend of ice cream to civilians for this summer is based on bumper milk production throughout the nation. Wartime commercial quotas will be raised substantially by the new ruling, and national yearly consumption will swing back toward its 1941 figure of about 3 gallons per person.

Ice cream, as Americans (its greatest consumers) do not need to be told, is a frozen food containing cream or butter fat, flavoring, sweetening, and usually eggs. Two grades are characteristic in this country: Philadelphia, as it is known to the trade, made of cream and sugar, with flavoring; and French, made similarly, but with a heavy custard added.

Ice cream has been known as one of the good things of American life since 1786, says the National Geographic Society. In that year it was advertised in New York City. George Washington knew about it earlier. An entry regarding "a cream machine for ice" appears in his expense ledger under date of May 17, 1784.

MARINE DIVISION THAT TOOK GUAD GLAD TO BE HOME

San Francisco, June 21.—(U.P.)—Twelve hundred men of the marine first division, the outfit that stormed ashore at Guadalcanal Aug. 7, 1942, in the first offensive land action by American troops in World War II, arrived here yesterday aboard a U. S. coast guard transport, the marine corps disclosed today.

Battle-worn from two campaigns, the leathernecks laughed and yelled as the ship was warped into the pier. They waved captured Japanese flags and sabers, souvenirs of good hunting in the jungles of the South Pacific.

For a majority of the men, it was their first glimpse of American land in more than 25 months.

The first sight of a woman marine waiting to greet them ashore evoked a noisy demonstration that never completely ceased until the ship was unloaded.

Lean and Hard

These young veterans looked old beyond their years, but their bodies were lean and hard.

After winning at Guadalcanal the first division men landed Dec. 26, 1943, at Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island, in the final phase of the campaign to wrest control of the Solomon islands area from the Japanese.

Lt. Col. Frank R. Worthington, New Orleans, La., senior ranking marine officer aboard the transport, offered high praise for the men.

"These civilians who entered the marine corps three years ago proved what they could do. The are superior to the best of the imperial Japanese forces. When the chips are down, these boys really play for keeps," said Col. Worthington.

Lake Creek

Lake Creek, June 21.—Mrs. Arthur Burrell called recently on Mrs. Joyce Householder.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hanson and little daughter of Brownsboro were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Walch.

Mrs. Amy Grissom was an over-night guest Monday of Mrs. J. R. Tyrrell and Mrs. Julia Dow.

Mrs. Beth Zundel spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Allie Farlow.

Mrs. A. L. Pech and little daughter are both doing nicely at the Community hospital.

Cpl. Fred Banta, who is with the 96th division, in California, is spending his furlough at the A. L. Pech home.

Late report from Donald Grigsby, who is with the A.A.F. in England, was that he had completed his missions over enemy territory, but expected to be retained in England as an instructor. He has recently been promoted to 1st lieutenant.

NEGROES FOR DEWEY

Albany, N. Y., June 21—(U.P.) Sidney P. Dones, negro member of California's Republican state central committee, indicated during a visit to Governor Thomas E. Dewey that there will be a definite drive "to swing negro votes" to whomever the Republicans nominate for president in Chicago next week.

On the average, each of the 68,000,000 life insurance policyholders has an indirect investment in business and industry of $150, through the policy reserve funds invested in business securities.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 21 — Mr. Churchill must have been in a good humor when he hopefully predicted the end of the war in Europe this summer. The most respected military authorities here share the hope that the European end is a matter of months, but they are not predicting. To them this is just the beginning of the final military operations These are the early stages of the planned crushing blows.

Paul Mallon

Look at the front pages. The operations which formerly were reported in two or three different headlines now monopolize practically all the columns, so far-flung have the battlefields grown in the past week. And they will grow more.

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AS DARING as the European invasion, was the attack upon Saipan. Up to that point, we had been merely on the outer fringes of the Jap defensive line. With that thrust, we plunged into the very heart of it, bypassing all the naval strongholds dotted out southward and eastward in the Pacific (Truk, Palau, Yap, etc.).

There was not the usual island hopping, but an enlightened and brilliant stratagem designed to put our bombers within easier range of Tokyo and over all the Jap shipping through which she sustains her war empire It was feasible only because we have been dominating the sea lanes and thus could supply such an advanced force, or at least we have the right to suspect we can, because we put warships and transports safely into action there with the invading force. Unless the Jap fleet comes out of hiding to fight a decisive battle, that condition will continue.

The details of the fighting were at first held back, probably because this is only one knife thrust in a general scheme of attack, just one phase upon which further developments rest. Consequently, it must be assumed the authorities wisely awaited a decisive break in the fighting.

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SO, ALSO, with France to some extent The bulk of our army has been held out of Normandy, in a similarly threatening manner. In Italy, the Nazis are attempting from time to time to stiffen their resistance at a few strong points, but at other times, they are soft.

Thus it is impossible to guess accurately on the end of the war. So much depends on factors concerning which we may have an opinion, but which are not facts, such things as German military and civilian morale on which there are oscillating signs, the missing Luftwaffe etc. And in the Pacific, the real attack has just started.

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IF THE robot plane assault on England is the dummy Luftwaffe Herr Goering was addressing with a plea to fight to the death and there is no other, the robot attack itself is a sign of German desperation It is a silly method of warfare for which the only excuse is a desire to spread consternation with indiscriminate killing and destruction.

The British were so upset about it because it is psychologically disturbing even to the imperturbable to see those aimless plane loads of explosive flying overhead, uncontrolled, at a rate of about 15 or more an hour, day and night. But from a military standpoint it is only an attack upon impregnable British courage.

The rocket planes are constructed cheaply but must use much material which goes into planes, and every one shot fails to come back. Therefore, intrinsically it is just a very expensive, aimless expenditure of material by a nation already on the verge of defeat for that very reason, and so short of air material that it has not been able to put up an air force.

Manpower Lack Is Paper Bottleneck

Washington, June 21.—(U.P.)—The manpower shortage is the chief cause for the shortage of newsprint and the bottleneck in the production of wood pulp, Harold Boeschenstein, acting director of the War Production Board's forest products bureau, told the senate's Truman committee yesterday.

He said that "prospects are not good" for the wood pulp industry to recruit the 35,000 to 50,000 men it needs for fall cutting.

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Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

Washington, D. C., June 17—(Special Correspondence)—This week the House finished its more than seven days of discussion of the Price Control Bill (OPA). A few amendments were put in on the Floor of the House, but most of those offered on the Floor were rejected. The bill is now in conference. The conference committee made up of both senators and representatives will doubtless make a report early next week, and the bill will probably be passed and go to the President. There has been some rumor to the effect that the President might veto the bill, because of some of the provisions. However, in view of the fact that no great sweeping changes were made, it seems to me he should find it acceptable.

The debate on the bill represented an outpouring of the grievances of our 140,000,000 people against what has apparently been poor administration of a fairly good law. The recitation of the troubles followed a general pattern. Regulations forced manufacturers out of business with low price ceilings, but permitted new manufacturing in the same line to begin business and sell their products at much higher prices. This resulted in scarcity of goods and ultimately in much higher prices to the consumer for many items.

One typical example was the pancake flour situation which developed about a year ago. Many producers of non-branded pancake flour in packages were forced to quit business when denied a 1c increase in price from 6c to 7c per package. Whereupon, some new firms went into the business of producing pancake flour of the same kind and in the same size packages, but they were permitted to sell at ceiling prices as high as 18c per package.

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NUMEROUS small retail stores were forced out of business because the prices they were compelled to pay for merchandise were higher than their retail ceiling price line, but new stores appeared next door or across the street, selling similar merchandise at higher prices. The new stores, of course, were permitted ceiling prices in line with their current merchandise cost prices.

In my own district, I have known several instances of tons of farm produce being left unharvested for the reason that OPA delayed too long in telling the processors what the ceiling price on the canned, bottled or preserved product would be. Since the processors did not know what they could sell their pack for, they were afraid to buy the produce from the growers.

These are but a few examples. There were hundreds recited on the floor.

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OUT of sheer desperation, many Members of Congress sought to remedy administrative abuses by attempting to write administrative detail into the law. The members proposed the hundred or more amendments because there seemed to be no other way of getting relief for the people. The original price control law gave the people no appeal from OPA to the courts. It was recognized, however, by a majority of the members of the house that it is impossible to write administrative detail into any statute. The best that could be done, therefore, in addition to throwing certain other safeguards around the administration of the law was to provide a system of appeal through the courts from OPA rulings.

It is true that some minor groups sought the passage of amendments that would give their interests special advantage. The house was well aware of those moves, and all such amendments were killed. There were a few also who sought to wreck the functioning of the law, but these attempts were also voted down by large majorities.

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WHAT happened during the past two years of administration of the price control law is very similar to the type of administration that has been given other acts by congress. It happened that the OPA administration was more in the public eye and has received the most attention. However, similar administrative abuses of other laws are occurring. The Wagner Labor Relations Act is a reasonable statute, but the administration of it has caused strikes, confusion, and bad relations. There are numerous other minor examples.

Since the courts as presently constituted generally uphold the administration, we are dangerously near, under the administration, a change in the form of our republic from a three-branch government, namely legislative, administrative and judicial, to a government of only two branches, namely administrative and legislative. Since the congress cannot write administrative detail into law, we are placed in a very difficult, not to say impossible, situation. As I see it, the only way of reestablishing the republic under the constitution is to go back to the three-branch system of government.

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 21, 1934
(It was Thursday)

New labor act is invoked by labor secretary to end longshoremen's strike on Pacific coast.

French society called the "Judges of Hell create reign of terror by mailing bombs to prominent leaders.

New Deal declares war on monopolies and big business. Republican leader in congress asks, "Just how brainy is the brain trust?"

Fair and cooler. High 80, low 44 degrees.

Gold Hill district to get federal aid on irrigation debt.

Sportsmen to attend Idylwyld Park salmon bake Sunday.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
June 21, 1924
(It was Saturday)

Cool weather is highly beneficial to grain in Sams Valley district.

Eden precinct and Phoenix residents have started buying wood for next winter from local dealers.

William Wright barn at south end of Central Point destroyed by flames, and at the height of the fire the burglar alarm at the bank starts ringing, causing a bandit scare.

Fair and continued warm. High 92, low 43 degrees.

Score die from heat in middle west.

Stand on Klan frets Democratic convention. Al Smith favored to defeat McAdoo for the namination.

Radio photos held practical and nearly ready for use.

Boston-born Benjamin Franklin was the youngest son among 17 children, and the youngest son of five generations of youngest sons.

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BEWARE OF PIN-WORMS
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Watch out for the warning signs that may mean Pin-Worms in your child or yourself: the tormenting, embarrassing rectal itch, the uneasy stomach, bed-wetting, nervous fidgeting, finicky appetite.
New Discovery Hailed By Doctors
After centuries of distress caused by Pin-Worms, a new and highly effective way to deal with this stubborn pest has recently been discovered. This scientific discovery, hailed by medical authorities, is a remarkable drug (gentian violet). It is the vital element in P-W, the new Pin-Worm treatment developed by the laboratories of Dr. D. Jayne & Son, America's leading specialists in worm medicines. P-W tablets are small and easy to take, and they act in a special way to destroy the creatures.
So don't take chances with Pin-Worms. At the first warning sign, ask your druggist for P-W, and follow the directions.
P-W means Pin-Worm relief!

British Minister Apologizes For Statement On U.S., Japan

London, June 21—(U.P.)—Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, British minister of production, apologized in commons today for extemporaneous remarks which yesterday aroused official indignation in the United States and asked the house "to believe that the fault was one of expression and not of intention."

Explaining his remark that the United States provoked Japan into war, Lyttelton said he only was trying parenthetically to make clear Britain's gratitude for the help given her in the war against Germany before Japan attacked the United States.

He said the words he used seemed to suggest that the help provoked Japan to attack the United States.

"This is manifestly untrue," he declared. "I want to make it clear I do not complain of being misreported and that any misunderstanding is entirely my own fault.

"I ask the house to believe that the fault was one of expression and not of intention and I hope this apology won't do the harm which the original words may have caused here or in the United States."

Washington, June 21—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull's indignant denunciation of a careless British statement that the United States provoked Japan into war was certain today to bring quick apologies from the highest British officials.

Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, was expected to call on Hull soon to try to make amends for the colossal diplomatic blunder made by his colleague, Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, British minister of production.

Cotton Goods For Low Cost Clothing Will Be Available

Washington, June 21.—(U.P.)—Government agencies, in their drive to return low-cost clothing to the market, today announced a program for the manufacture and sale of men's shirts, shorts, women's house dresses and women's slips at rock-bottom dollars and cents ceiling prices.

Under the plan, the War Production Board has allocated some 17,000,000 yards of cotton goods for the production in July, August, and September of 178,000 dozen men's white and colored shirts, 416,000 dozen pairs of men's shorts, 85,000 dozen women's and misses slips, and 133,000 dozen women's house dresses.

Prices at retail have been set simultaneously by the Office of Price Administration. Cotton dresses under the program will sell for $1.49. Cotton slips will retail at 65 cents. Men's white and colored shirts will sell at $1.39, and men's shorts at 39 cents. Extra sizes of dresses will be sold at $1.69 and slips at 75 cents.

IDAHO LEAD GAINS

Boise, Ida., June 21—(U.P.)—With Glen H. Taylor 175 votes ahead and primary election returns received from all but five of the state's 845 precincts, incumbent Sen. D. Worth Clerk today appeared to be headed for certain defeat in the Idaho senatorial race.

FRENCH FASCIST HEAD ASSASSINATION VICTIM

London, June 21.—(U.P.)—Colonel Casimir de la Rocque, chief of the French Fascist Croix de Feu Organization, has been assassinated, according to a Vichy radio broadcast today.

De la Rocque was also the political director of the reactionary Parisian newspaper, Le Petit Journal.

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