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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Republicans named Gov. Dewey of New York, and Gov. Bricker of Ohio as their standard-bearers in mid-week. The selections pleased Republicans, and some Democrats, but caused a few New Deal congressmen to quote Scripture, to prove they should be beaten in November.

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Bert Orr reported a birthday Fri. He further stated he is going like 60.

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The Nipponese are being thumped three times per day, but it will take longer to crush them than the Nazis, who only get thumped twice daily, argue the military experts.

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The eagle will scream Tues. at Rogue River and Ashland, in observance of the 4th of July. It will be a quiet celebration throughout the nation, with no widespread whooping it up, due to the war effort.

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It turned off warm during the week. Heat was needed to produce summer, put sugar in the pears, and make big potatoes out of the little ones.

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H. Flewher, the late demon baker, is now some place in Africa, ensconced in a villa, surrounded by a date orchard, with the dates not ripe enough to eat.

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Berlin reports American prisoners marched through Paris were threatened with lynching. LaFayette, where's the rope?, is the new slogan, if true.

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Tip Davis, the drayman, will be married 50 years come Tues., and proper observance will be made of the event.

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E. Ulrich and Wallace (Yay Big) Dinkens, associate mt. wms. of the Prospect area towned and traded Fri.

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Lady autoists are getting their pre-war daring back. Two were caught in mid-week turning around in the middle of a Main Stem block, with charming nonchalance.

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Prock Klum, former Ashland, Medford, and Hawaii U. coach, visited the valley from his Lake county ranch the past week.

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Hermy Offenbacher of the Applegate, celebrated his birthday on the 25th, with 103 in attendance at his place. It was an historic event of the Applegate country.

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"Cherries are ripe. The birds will eat them all up just like we did the straberries, I suppose", supposed Mrs. J. Cochran Robin, at a cthse lawn assembly Thurs. "I wouldn't fly across the street to eat a cherry, unless I wanted to," she added.

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Haying was the order of the day in the rural regions all week with a great creaking of pitchforks Sat. in an effort to beat the rain to the barn, as clouds rolled in from the west.

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J. Tannehill Walker, 5, and the Older Girl with whom he has been fueding, are now full-fledged collaborationists, like Germany and Finland, with Master Walker doing most of the collaborating.

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Valley Democrats during the week did some weeping for Wendell Willkie, and were disappointed in the nomination of Tom Dewey for president. They proclaimed him only a "gang-guster." The country sure needs one.

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No bonus bottle will be awarded the thirsty during July, by the state, due to inventory reductions, and lack of transportation. Demon Rum, and brandy, gin, and wine, also demoniac, will be available, the customer being ruthlessly restricted to purchase of one case, per purchase.

Buy a 4th of July Bond!

TUESDAY will be Independence Day.

To America, now at war, it will be a day for the renewal of faith—faith in the doctrines of human liberty, faith in the principles by which we govern and are governed.

It will be a day for remembering, with humble gratitude, the wisdom and courage and sacrifices of those who created this nation and those who made it great and good through the years. It was the vision and foresight of America's patriots on this day 168 years ago that provided the safeguards for our freedom today. We know today, more surely than ever before, that where the privileges and protections of free men are denied, neither human decency nor human respect can survive.

Independence Day this year is a day for pride,—pride in the willingness of our sons to fight and die so that our way of life may carry on, pride in the grim determination of our people to accept nothing less than full victory, pride in the "know how" and enterprise of America that have sent forth a flood of ships, planes, tanks and guns to overwhelm our foe.

Yes, the Fourth of July is a day for buying bonds, too!

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WE'VE come a long way in the last few months. Today we hammer at the Marianas and Kuriles. Our spearhead of attack is aimed at the heart of Japan. Our target is Tokyo!

Today our beachhead is firmly fixed on the Norman coast and our Roman campaign is sweeping the foe northward. But hard won victories must not instill a false feeling here on the home front that "it's all over but the shouting." Already our casualties have passed the quarter-million mark—and bitterest and bloodiest battles are ahead. Nearly ten thousand men have been killed or wounded in conquering but half of the tiny island of Saipan, according to Admiral Nimitz's communique Saturday. There will be many Saipans and Tarawas before we can close the book on this costly conflict.

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WE cannot share the dirt and grime and sweat and blood of war with our gallant fighting men but we CAN—all of us—back their attack with our money. We can all have a share in the greatest crusade of all times. We can help to shorten the long and bitter road to victory. Well have we learned that the price of battles has no ceiling—that endless dollars are needed to fight and win.

Our job is to supply those dollars.

It's an easy one, compared with the sacrifices of those who do the fighting and the dying. All that we are asked to do is to LOAN our money—to buy bonds and to HOLD THEM. There must be no shirkers or slackers in the job of meeting the Fifth War Loan quota.

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A GOODLY portion of Jackson County's $2,262,000 share of the $16 billion quota in the Fifth War Loan has already been subscribed. We may justly be proud of our record thus far in this and the four previous drives.

But Jackson County's "E" bond quota is still far from "over the top"—and the greatest emphasis in this campaign is placed upon the purchase of these smaller bonds. And so, to reach this highly important "E" bond goal, buy an added Independence Day war bond right now. Speed victory with the soundest investment you can make.—H.G.

Editorial Correspondence

Chicago, Ill., June 28.—That old saying about generating more heat than light surely applies to this convention.

There has certainly been more heat here to the square inch for the past few days than we have ever encountered before, and now as the proceedings are over,—or almost over,—what does it all add up to? Where is the light if any?

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"Dewey and Bricker!" that's the ticket. And the more important half a moral certainty before the convention opened.

How did Bricker happen to get the second berth instead of Governor Warren of California who they say could have had it, had he so desired?

Well—as we see it,—the answer to that question is the answer to this convention, as far as the light,—its real political significance,—is concerned.

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Bricker won the vice-presidential nomination because by this decision the maximum party harmony was secured, and,—in the judgment of the GOP powers that be,—the best chances of a Republican victory in the Fall were promoted.

That is the light,—and that is ALL the light, to this 23rd convention as it now stands.

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"VICTORY", that was the one thing all the delegates to this convention wished for, the thing they put above all other considerations as they assembled, and because the first thing that had to be done BEFORE there could be any chance of such a victory was to get the party together,—(after the SHOOT-THE-SHOOTS excursion with Mr. Wendell Willkie)—party reintegration and harmony were,—as previously stated,—the real keynote of this convention.

Keep that fact in mind, and this convention is easy to understand, from the opening welcome of Governor Green, to the final closing of the doors by Andy Frain's ushers.

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The party MUST get together, differences MUST be ironed out and adjusted regardless of what they may be, or we might as well not name a candidate at all and let President Roosevelt stay where he is for four years more.

THAT, was the consensus as far as the thousand-odd delegates here assembled were concerned, that was the one point upon which there was no disagreement. That also is why the final result is Dewey and Bricker, on a platform over which there is no enthusiasm, as there is no real enthusiasm for the ticket but,—

And here is the milk in this particular cocoanut,—against which at least as far as the Republican party is concerned, THERE IS NO VIOLENT OPPOSITION.

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Had the ticket been DEWEY AND WARREN,—there would have been opposition,—some at least,—there would have been hurt feelings as far as Ohio and Governor Bricker are concerned.

For Governor Bricker as Governor is out.

Had he been denied the vice-presidency, he would have had nothing, but a busted exchequer, and some strained vocal chords. Whereas Governor Warren has two years as governor still to go. It is true that the California Governor was not crazy for the second berth in the first place. But had the powers-that-be NOT suggested that he step out in favor of the Middlewest, Governor Bricker and the great state of Ohio, there is little doubt that because of his personal popularity, his success as a key-note speaker, and the desirability of getting the electoral votes of sunny California, the personable Earl Warren of California would have been Dewey's running mate, not "Honest John."

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Oh well, it's a great game this political one!

And while from a sporting standpoint this convention was the least interesting in a couple of decades or more, from a psychological and human interest angle it was interesting,—as for that matter all conventions are. Which is one reason why the undersigned atteds them.

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And so how about Dewey?

It is the same answer.

There will be a big build-up of course and all sorts of unadulterated whangdoodle, and—this is written over two hours before Dewey is due to arrive in Chicago on the plane direct from Albany—this and that about the office seeking the man, etc., etc.

But the plain unadulterated truth is, there is, and has been, no enthusiasm in this convention either on the floor, or in the gallery, for Governor Dewey of New York. He just doesn't happen to be the type to arouse enthusiasm.

But,—with that fundamental purpose of victory in mind,—here was the man, and the ONLY man—(after the elimination of Willkie)—who COULD win. Bricker, Stassen, John Doe or what you will,—they couldn't reach first base.

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The Republicans at best are starting with a terrific handicap, they have to give over a hundred electoral votes to the South before they get to the polls, and then—of course,—there is the war.

Even with New York state they may lose.

But WITHOUT New York state they SIMPLY CANNOT win.

Governor Dewey is the one man in the Republican party who can carry the state of New York so,—

How COULD there be any candidate in this convention but Tom Dewey? The answer is there could not be. It was not a popular choice, it was the logical, and therefore inevitable one.

No one especially LIKES "Tom", no one wishes particularly to fight and die for him. But everyone,—at least everyone in this Republican convention wants to beat Roosevelt if it can possibly be done and Dewey and Bricker present the one best chance of doing it.

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So there you are boys and girls. There is your answer as to the LIGHT in this convention. And there you have the ticket.

They may not win.

But put this in your meerschaum pipe and smoke it:—they will come closer to it than any other available candidate that could have been chosen.

And in this sense,—and this sense alone,—the 23rd Republican convention just about to close has, in spite of the heat, been a complete success.—R.W.R.

WPRC TO ENJOY TRIPS, PARTIES ON 4TH OF JULY

Camp White—July 4 will be "just another day" at Camp White, according to an announcement yesterday by Post Headquarters.

This conforms with established policies which are, and have been, in effect at all U. S. army installations in the United States and in overseas theaters.

However, the WPRC plans have been completed for various forms of entertainment for its casuals.

Chance to Ride

During the day WPRC equestrians will ride horseback with mounts from Dodge's Riding Academy at Medford. A swimming party is being planned for the afternoon at the Twin Plunges at Ashland.

A trip to Crater Lake is also on the day's bill. Out there the GIs will enjoy chow the way they dreamed of doing it while they were eating out of mess kits.

Chow will be served sizzling hot from open-hearth barbecue pits in the midst of Crater Lake scenic beauty.

Outdoor Party

Highlighting WPRC's Independence Day entertainment will be an outdoor party in the evening at the American Legion grounds at Ashland.

Thirty-five overseas veterans will be guests of the Ashland American Legion Post and its Women's Auxiliary.

This will be followed by a dance at the Ashland USO, to which all men in uniform are invited.

26 COMMUNITIES OF STATE USING NEW LABOR PLAN

Portland, Ore., July 1—(U.P.)—Twenty-six Oregon communities and many parts of the nation have adopted the labor control measures developed in the Portland-Vancouver area last fall, L. C. Stoll, war manpower director for the state, said here today.

Agriculture, however, has been excluded from the labor stabilization system and the logging and lumbering industries operate under a modified program which allows men to change jobs within the industry without "priority referral."

Priority referral, Stoll said, is a voluntary labor-management-government agreement in which no worker is hired unless he was sent to fill that job by the United States employment service or some other designated referral agency.

Although hiring men in the logging and lumbering industry for work in a different industry remains under the priority referral system, the workers may move from one job to another, with a the industry with a special release from their last employer.

Under England's Henry II, one penny every Tuesday was the iron ore miner's tax.

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ALLIES SPEED UP NORTHERN BURMA ATTACK ON JAPS

Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon, July 1—(U.P.)—Victorious Allied jungle troops have accelerated mopping up operations in both northern Burma and Manipur state, a communique said today, killing 352 Japanese soldiers, capturing 200 and seizing two more of the enemy's powerful 150 mm. anti-tank cannon.

In the 45tn day of fighting for embattled Myitkyina on the upper Irrawaddy, Lt. Gen Joseph W. Stilwell's American-trained Chinese troops were reported to have "gained new positions" near the Waingmaw Ferry road directly below the city and to be approaching the dry-weather landing field just to the west.

In the Mogaung valley, the Allied communique said, Chinese units pressed the annihilation of isolated remnants of the Japanese 18th division, shattered in the Allied storming of Kamaing and Mogaung. Eighty survivors were killed at Seton, five miles below Kamaing, and 110 east of Parentu, four miles below Mogaung.

In the Manipur hills some 150 miles southeast of the Mogaung valley, 162 Japanese were kil'ed late this week by British and Indian troops clearing strategic heights overlooking the Palel-Tamu road below Imphal, the Allied communique reported.

SCHOOL SUPPORT PETITIONS FILED

Salem, Ore., July 1—(U.P.)—A petition calling for nearly twice the amount now appropriated for support of Oregon public schools was on file with the election division of the secretary of state's office today.

The petition, filed by the Oregon State Teachers' association, carried double the necessary number of signatures. It provides for a fund equal to 45 cents a day of attendance per student, amounting to nearly $13,000,000 in comparison with the current state support of $7,300,000.

The measure will be placed on the November ballot if the petition is found in order.

Sgt. C. E. Johnson recently scored a record of 40 consecutive bulls eyes with an Army ordnance carbine at Camp Adair, Ore.

BARBARA HUTTON'S HUBBY FLEES TO CANADA WITH SON

Lawyer Says Count Scented Plot to Take Boy to Spain By Heiress.

Hollywood, July 1—(U.P.)—Count Kurt Haugwitz-Reventlow said in a statement issued by his attorney tonight that he had fled into Canada with his nine-year-old son, Lance, because he feared a plot by his ex-wife, multi millionaire Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton, to spirit the boy away to a hideout in Spain.

"Her attorney, A. B. Landa, partner of ex-Ambassador Joseph Davies, is reported to have influential connections in Spain," the Danish nobleman said through his lawyer, Joseph L. Lewinson.

"It seems obvious that Countess Barbara intended there to defy the British court decree giving me custody of Lance and the right to guide his education."

The dapper count who recently renounced his title to become an American citizen, crossed the international boundary into Vancouver, B. C., today, after eluding a staff of Miss Hutton's private detectives and checking out of the swank Huntington hotel in Pasadena.

Landa said the Reventlow charge that Miss Hutton was seeking to go to Spain was ridiculous and invited the count, "who is now a naturalized American citizen, to return to America and present his charges in the American courts."

The fragile Miss Hutton was reported ill and distraught over her son's disappearance and unable to confer with her legal advisers over further legal steps, including possibility that she will seek a kidnap warrant for her former husband.

"The count is strictly within his legal rights in going to Canada with the boy," Lewinson said. "Miss Hutton under the British consent decree agreed that custody of the child belonged to the count. There was no question of joint custody. She merely had the privilege of having the child with her for certain periods."

YANK BLACKLIST SLAPPED UPON 69 MORE FINN FIRMS

Washington, July 1—(U.P.)—The State Department tonight followed up the United States break in relations with Finland by adding the names of 69 Finnish business concerns and individuals to its economic blacklist.

The blacklisting action is little more than a gesture at this stage since the treasury department yesterday declared all of Finland "enemy territory" subject to the terms of trading-with-the-enemy act.

Officials said, however, that the regular addition to the blacklist, issued the first Saturday of every month, had been prepared before the severance of relations. But the names added today represent firms which aided the enemy while the United States still classified Finland as a neutral.

But the action will be a severe blow to most of the companies when, after the war ends, they try to resume peace-time trade with the world. The State Department has warned that the blacklisted companies in neutral nations will be the last to come off the list, thus delaying whatever start toward recovery they are able to make.

Finnish firms were placed on the blacklist for the first time a month ago tonight. Then 84 names were blacklisted. Tonight's list brings the total to 153.

ROGERS IN LONDON

London, June 30.—(U.P.)—Lt. Will Rogers, Jr., former member of congress from California, has arrived in London and hopes to proceed to the fighting front soon, it was disclosed today.

FRENCH EXECUTE NAZI PRISONERS ON SWISS BORDER

Policy of Kindness Fails and Reprisals Follow — Bulgars Busy.

London, July 1—(U.P.)—A French communique tonight announced that French forces of the interior had captured a number of German mountain troops and a customs agent along the Franco-Swiss border and would execute them in reprisal if the Germans kill FFI prisoners.

(A United Press dispatch from Algiers said Free French quarters there announced execution had already begun. "The French forces of the interior have already suffered severe losses, to which must be added the executions of captured prisoners and also the large scale murdering of civilians by the Wehrmacht," the announcement at Algiers said. "In agreement with the French command, the local FFI commands are proceeding with legitimate measures of reprisal. In the south, six German prisoners have been shot in accordance with the laws of warfare."

Such executions would mark a departure from previous efforts to assure reciprocal kind treatment by Germans and members of the French underground army who have fallen into their hands. French quarters here said German prisoners had been given every consideration and many of them had been turned free to report on their treatment to their officers.

The French adopted this procedure when Germans encountered in early engagements told them they fought to the last ditch because their officers had painted a fearsome picture of their fate if they were to fall into the hands of the Maquis.

Reports reaching Sweden said the German occupation authorities at Bellegarde on the Franco-Swiss foutier had posted bills threatening to raze the town if the slightest sabotage occurred. Bellegarde with a present population of 5000, was said to be ruled by 3000 Cossacks serving in the German army.

Partisan activity was reported elsewhere in occupied Europe. Travelers at Ankara reported that Bulgarian partisans had captured the Balkan mountain rail center of Cernabreg, between Sofia and Varna.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
July 2, 1934
(It was Sunday)

Longshoremen strike in Portland irks Oregon farmers. Strike leaders say Portland police to be forced to show "colors."

Hitler crushes bloody revolts in Germany with iron hand, and high Germans who opposed him killed.

Roosevelt to visit Bonneville Dam August 1 and state democrats are cheered.

Fair and warm. High 95, low 61 degrees.

Zero hour set for breaking of San Francisco dock strike.

East swelters in record heat.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
July 2, 1924
(It was Wednesday)

Plea of William J. Bryan for McAdoo as democratic choice for presidency brings boos at convention. John W. Davis of West Virginia looms as dark horse. 24 ballots taken.

Rigid economy policy of President Coolidge cuts public debt billion dollars in year.

New revenue bill effective at midnight eliminates all wartime nuisance taxes.

Fair and warm. High 103, low 61 degrees.

Law enforcement film to be shown at Presbyterian church tonight.

Flint car climbs grade between Government Camp and Crater Lake rim in high.

Captain Shearin Of Eagle Point Gains Air Medal

Headquarters 13th AAF, Southwest Pacific — Presentation of the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters to Captain Thomas H. Shearin of Eagle Point, Ore., has been announced here. The decorations were awarded for meritorious achievements in hazardous combat flights.

Captain Shearin, pilot of a 13th AAF B-24 Liberator bomber, has participated in numerous combat missions against Jap strongholds in the south, southwest and central Pacific theaters, as the 13th AAF carried its offensive launched in the battle of Guadalcanal to far-flung enemy bases on Truk and New Guinea.

Captain Shearin is the son of Mrs. Jim H. Shearin. He attended Los Angeles City College and worked in West Coast aircraft plants before entering the AAF.

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