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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

NO SMUDGE POT
Arthur Perry, skipper of "Ye Smudge Pot," is nursing a sprained leg and is therefore unable to take the helm of his column today.

Secret Air Bases for Hop to Russia Finally Revealed

Seattle, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—Rep. Warren G. Magnuson, D., Wash., today revealed existence of the long-secret Russian-manned air bases in northwestern United States, Canada and Alaska from which Soviet pilots fly American-made planes in an almost endless stream.

The congressman said hundreds of fighter planes and short-range medium bombers have been delivered to the Russian government at Fairbanks, Alaska, after flying the route of the Alaska highway.

"For nearly two years, in one of the war's most closely guarded operations, American ferry command pilots and Russian airmen have been doing a tremendous job," Magnuson said.

He said American fighter planes are delivered to a modification center at Great Falls, Mont., where Russian technicians direct removal of certain equipment they consider "excess gadgets."

At Fairbanks, he said, the Russians operate a military air base with ground crews, transport pilots, weather men, fighter pilots and interpreters.

"The planes are armed, adorned with the red star, loaded with 'fly-away' equipment, and dispatched to Siberia with the regularity of commercial airline operations," Magnuson said.

Foots Creek

Foots Creek, Aug. 2.—Club met with Mrs. R. L. Miller July 26. Present were Mesdames Klie, Lane, Cervany, Pickard, John Barnes, Garrison, and Mrs. Joy Meade of Medford. The club presented Mrs. Pickard, who is moving to Medford, with a gift. Club will not meet again until the last Wednesday in September. The club picnic will be held at the Foots creek store Sunday, August 20th at 1 p.m.

Vance Wolgamott returned from Seattle July 31. Guests at the Wolgamott home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Elvan Wolgamott and family of Eagle Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mershon of Medford.

Mrs. Walt Meissner of Glendale, Ore., accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Henry Miller of Grants Pass, and her guest, Mrs. Don Buckley of Burbank, Calif., called on Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. George Lance July 29. Mrs. Buckley, the former Agnes Dietrich, lived in Gold Hill and attended school there. She has been teaching in the Los Angeles high schools for several years.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Aug. 1.—Kenneth Cook, of Portland, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook.

Miss Effie Couch and Mrs. Amy Martin visited friends and relatives in Grants Pass July 31. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Denmore and daughter, Sandra, were Grants Pass visitors July 30. Mr. Denmore is now employed in Grants Pass at the S. P. ticket office, having been transferred from Medford.

Special Deputy Grand Master Norman Gail made his official visit to the L.O.O.F. lodge at Grants Pass last week.

Mrs. John D. Kuchett of Central Point visited friends here last week.

Miss Katherine Hayes visited friends and relatives in Medford and Gold Hill last week, and has returned to spend part of the summer with her brother, Cecil Hayes, at Sacramento, Calif.

Miss Margaret Moulton from

Editorial Correspondence

Chicago, July 29.—This, our last day in Chicago, was profitably spent. Most of it at the military display down at the former world's fair grounds, near Soldiers Field where the big pro and college star football game will be played the last of August.

This military display is hooked up with the wind-up of the war-bond drive. For a bond, or a war stamp (for children) you can get a ride in a "duck," one of the amphibian trucks which have revolutionized invasion warfare. The "ducks" were doing a land-office business while we were there with a waiting line almost as long as those in front of railway diners these days.

They dress you up in a fancy life preserver before they let you up the gangplank—it is a sort of overcoat cut off at the waist and full of buoyant material, as well as air. It gives the contours of the average adult frame rather a bizarre appearance, like something out of H. G. Wells or the "Gentleman from Mars."

Much to our surprise this duck is no duck on the land. It is more a rail-runner for it can speed over terra firma at 50 miles an hour when pressed. In the water it slows down to well just about the speed of a swimming duck we should say—slow but sure. There is a propeller in the rear shielded by the indented hull, so there is no mechanism to get out of order, as there might be if something similar to the landing gear of a plane, were used.

Really we would call the things alligators instead of ducks, or 'gators for short. They slide down the ramp into the water very like alligators we have seen in Florida, slide off a log, and then proceed with their snouts sticking out like prows of an undersea craft. We rode down the lagoon around a small transport, and a flame-throwing tug—the latter something entirely new to us.

In fact we are wondering if this new flame-throwing apparatus might not be one of the secret U. S. weapons now talked about. (Probably not or they would hardly exhibit it here on the Chicago lake front, but it is new to your correspondent and terrifying is a mild term for it.)

When we reached the shore they put on a flame throwing demonstration. Imagine some giant smoking a cigar and blowing smoke-rings; only instead of rings make them small balloons of solid roaring, consuming fire, which advance pretty much on a straight horizontal line, depending of course upon how the machine is operated. That huge ball of solid flame mind you, it advances steadily, and unless it should be met by a huge wind-machine, or a sudden tornado, there is nothing to stop it. It just goes ahead until it burns out. Nothing alive can live if touched by it! Multiply that machine by say a hundred, and what have Messrs. Adolf and Hirohito?

Later the boys put on a sham battle—an invasion attack against enemy defenses. What struck us even more forcibly than the superb equipment was the physical fitness of these soldiers, husky lads each in the pink and appearing to enjoy themselves like a bunch of kids playing football.

Add to this a walk around the grounds showing by detailed exhibits, what the Yanks have to fight with and what the Germans and Japs have, and there is your answer to what has been happening now for over a year in the Far East and in Europe.

Of course there may have been improvements in enemy equipment since these weapons, food rations, uniforms, hospital units, etc., etc., were captured—then again there may not, but striking an average on both sides making our own war tools a little less imposing and the enemy's a little more so, and still Uncle Sam has it over Germany and Japan like a tent.

No wonder the enemy is licked!

Take it down to such minor details as ropes, drinking water equipment, shoes and the like.

The U. S. ropes and the Jap ropes were given tests, the former standing ten times what the crude Jap affairs would. The clothes and the bedding and the rations, well it all added up to one simple outstanding fact: the Germans and Japs as far as fighting tools are concerned, are simply OUTCLASSED.

It is a case of the greatest industrial nation in the world, and the nation that has not only led the world but practically supplied it with modern articles of peace for four decades, suddenly being transformed into a nation of war—outdistancing the rest of the world in one department as completely as it always has in the other.

And it is that superior equipment which adds up to superior firing power and superior resistance, which is winning this war at such an accelerated pace. The enemy might scour Europe and the Far East and somehow match our MANpower; but they simply can't match our WEAPON—our machine and machine product—power. They haven't the machines, the raw materials or as far as the Japs are concerned the mechanical genius.

Equally profitable but in a different way was a trip down to Washington Park this afternoon, to see the Arlington Handicap run for \$50,000 added.

What we don't know about horses would overflow the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, but going down on the I.C. race-train we were lucky enough to sit with a gal (oh she may never see her 40th birthday again) who had just come up from the winter races in Mexico City, and was working out her card with the aid of Racing Form and a lot of shrewd sense.

We knew enough, after sizing her up, to keep the editorial mouth shut and the grandstand flags were in sight far off on the horizon before she opened up and gave us her selections—favorites and long-shots.

No one is going to believe this but it is gospel nevertheless: In EVERY race but the first, which we missed anyway, she picked at least one horse that was in the money. In the handicap—the big race of the day, she picked No. 1 and No. 2—just as they came in, War Knight and Georgie Crum.

If we had only followed the dope just as she gave it, but wouldn't you know it?—we couldn't believe anyone lived who was as smart, or as lucky—as that! (Oh, that you Gene, how about a little sight-draft for 50 bucks on August 1st?)

Yes this is Au Revoir to the Windy City after the longest consecutive stop here since the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893, when we stayed three weeks.

And in spite of the dirt, physical and moral, which infests this midwest metropolis your correspondent has enjoyed it, and to repeat, we believe profited by it.

In about an hour we boarded the Milwaukee "Olympian" for Aberdeen, S. D., where we have been called on a business matter and then to Medford by a somewhat circuitous but—well trust—dependable route.

Hope the weather at home will be as it was when we left!—R.W.R.

Medford is visiting Eileen Frost. Mrs. Jack Cannon visited friends recently in Grants Pass. Mrs. Elsie Cook and children of Medford visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Denmore for several days. Arky Ward of Medford recently visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Denmore. Mr. Ward is a former resident of Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McGuire returned from Tygart to complete plans for moving their house furnishings from Gold Hill.

Mrs. Derwin Maple is now staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore. Mr. Maple is in the marine corps, now stationed overseas.

Orpha Millspaugh, of Prospect, is visiting her cousin, Orpha Martin.

Mrs. Sidney Baker is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin.

Wilbur Martin left for Idaho July 24 to look after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robinson's son, "Robbie," recently was

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 2.—Governor Dewey is going about his campaign in a novel way. His tactics seem to be to keep quiet and organize before he lets go. He has gone about it with greater pains than any candidate in my time. Apparently he has spent every minute since his nomination at the task.

Mr. Roosevelt's campaign has been indirect and, on the surface, wholly involved with war and peace developments. His role is commander-in-chief. When the Democratic convention was following directions, he was inspecting an aviation plant on the west coast. It is impossible to contend war events, which he is leading, have no campaign effect, because they may be a controlling factor in whether he wins or loses.

If General MacArthur should happen to lead an invasion force back into Manila within the next three months, the reaction here would be favorable to Mr. Roosevelt's chances. Victory in Europe, unless it happened to be entirely a Russian breakthrough, also might have a profound campaign effect.

On the international political side, the Breton Woods conference has developed the controversial financial bank measure, which Mr. Roosevelt apparently is going to keep out of the campaign by refraining from presenting it to congress until the January session after election.

Mr. Hull is arranging a preliminary peace conference here of the big powers, and my guess has always been that this will prepare the way for the president to go to Europe for a big peace conference before November.

These developments alone may constitute his campaign, except that designated spokesmen like Senator Wagner and others may make speeches carrying the purely political campaign promises, outlining what the president is doing, saying what he proposes to do if elected.

DEWEY'S preparations, on the other hand, so far have been a methodical organization of his party as it has never been organized before while out of the White House. The moment the convention was over, he started on the ground in Chicago with roundups of national committeemen and women in groups of five or six. He not only conferred with, but he listened to every state chairman as well. To them he said this campaign was a joint venture. Indeed, he gave Bricker more consideration than later than a vice-presidential candidate usually gets.

Returning to Albany, he started receiving state delegations of congressmen (without their state chairmen). He has heard Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut separately, so far. Those who attended these meetings said they were like lodge meetings. Dewey did not make a speech, but simply devoted the meeting to understanding and organization. His friends always have given him credit for exceptional skill in organization.

On his trip west, he called in the Pennsylvania state delegation at Pittsburgh, the Illinois delegation at Springfield, and is getting the 26 Republican governors into his organizational ring with his planned two-day meeting at St. Louis.

OBVIOUSLY, Dewey's game is to concentrate through his organization upon those 26 states which will give him the election hands down, if he can get them. During all this time, the usual campaign comments that daily emanate from a candidate have been avoided.

Thus while neither candidate has spoken much for himself, their actions have bespoken the personal contrast which is to be the basis of the campaign that will develop.

PERILS OF OUTFIELD
Boston—(U.P.)—Told that her bemedalled aviator-son, on leave from the Italian war theater was shagging flies during the Boston Red Sox pre-game practice session. Mrs. Fred Nason told Manager Joe Cronin: "Get him out of there quick. He'll be killed!"

'CHUTE PAJAMAS
'Mount Vernon, Ill.—(U.P.)—Lt. George Reece Grissom, stationed in Italy, has found a new use for a camouflage chute. He wrote home that he's going to have a pair of silk pajamas made from one and he predicted that they would "really be flashy."

FOX TAKES OVER
Camp Roberts, Cal.—(U.P.)—Pvt. Blackie Calf was discharged from the army last week but colorful name fans had a new one in return when Pvt. Red Fox was assigned to headquarters here.

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By Francis L. McCarthy
United Press Correspondent

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Sanitation Good
Good sanitation prevails throughout the camp. There are no fly or mosquito breeding sites of any importance. The water supply for the camp is through a deep-bore well.

Housing conditions are generally excellent. All buildings are of semi-permanent construction with concrete floors, and tin sides and roofs. Buildings are screened where possible.

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FORMER PUBLIC ENEMY, BLIND, WINS LENIENCY

By Dennis Dalton
United Press Correspondent

Cleveland—(U.P.)—The story of a crime career that started with the wrong gang of kids and earned Charles Bird the name of the nation's public enemy No. 2 had a happy ending in federal court.

Bird, whose bank robberies and daylight holdups were climaxed by Cleveland's worst jailbreak, could not hold back the tears when Judge Robert N. Wilkin pronounced sentence.

"This man apparently has acquired spiritual insight," the judge said. "He really wants a chance to find a place of usefulness, and I'm willing to give him that chance."

Judge Wilkin permitted Bird to withdraw a plea of guilty to a kidnapping charge and then imposed five five-year suspended sentences on robbery counts.

The court's leniency was motivated by Bird's loss of sight through an operation and his subsequent change of mental outlook while serving a term in Maryland state prison, Baltimore, Md.

In court in his behalf was a Baltimore attorney who came here at his own expense and read a number of letters of recommendation from the Maryland prison warden, clergymen, various societies and private citizens.

Bird, who at one time was termed by an accomplice as "the toughest man I have ever seen," had a job in Baltimore awaiting him so he could support his wife and two children there, the attorney said.

The Cleveland jailbreak occurred in September, 1937, when his wife, Barbara, smuggled in guns. Up to that time his record included 26 daylight truck holdups, several bank robberies, a previous jail break and the death of a woman under the wheels of an automobile he had stolen.

After his escape Bird was captured in Maryland and then, in a reformatory, his personality changed. Was his reform worth the loss of his eyesight? "Look, since I have been in prison I lost my sight," he said. "I have been blind for several years. I am living in a world of darkness. Perhaps someone's prayers were answered and this is the result. But if giving up my eyesight was necessary to bring me to my senses, then it was well worth it."

Bird, now 32, said his crime career started with "the wrong gang of kids" who stole little things at first and then moved up the lawless scale.

"If parents had a better understanding of their children and maintained a stronger hand over them, problems like mine would not arise," he said.

His wife is working in a Baltimore war plant and caring for their two children. One of the children, a daughter, Bird has never seen.

Historic Meetings East and West



ON FRANCE FRONT—After bitter fighting, the first British troops enter Caen and greet the two chief French patriots who stayed in the city's ruins.



ON BURMA FRONT—A few days before the Caen meeting, this lower picture was taken when Indian soldiers driving north from Imphal met British troops battering their way south from Kohima. Thus, after much hard fighting, in which Indian and British troops killed more than 15,000 Japs, the whole of the Imphal-Kohima road was freed for traffic.

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Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
August 2, 1934
(It was Thursday)

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, president of Germany and war hero dies. Adolf Hitler takes place.

Oregon broke and in need of leadership, Gen. Martin, Democratic nominee for governor declares.

New Communist drive expected in California.

Fair, with occasional cloudiness. High 89, low 56 degrees.

Mrs. Roosevelt visits Bend on way north by auto.

President Roosevelt aboard cruiser Houston enters Columbia river. To visit Bonneville dam Friday.

Mrs. Royal Brown of Eagle Point leaves for Portland for a three weeks visit.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
August 2, 1914
(It was Saturday)

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Missionary Will Speak Sunday in Jville Church

Jacksonville, Aug. 2.—(Spl.)—Miss Irene Forsythe, who spent many years in China as a Presbyterian missionary, will speak Sunday, Aug. 6, in the Jacksonville Presbyterian church here under the auspices of the Jacksonville Presbyterian Missionary society. Miss Forsythe, who remained in a Japanese-occupied section of China after the start of the war until arrangements were made for her return on the Gripsholm, is said to be a most interesting speaker. The general public is invited to hear Miss Forsythe.

The speaker is well known in Oregon through her missionary work and is a sister of Mrs. Ray Achor of Oregon City. She is to be in the valley for a week and is to fill speaking engagements for other Presbyterian congregations. A reception will be held at the church in her honor following the lecture and the public is also invited to this affair.

Mrs. Hilda Nygren Funeral Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Hilda Nygren, who passed away Tuesday, will be conducted from the Peril Funeral home Saturday at 2 p. m., the Rev. Harry Hansen officiating. Interment will be in the family plot.

60 MILLION CROP

Austin, Tex.—(U.P.)—Wheat farmers of Texas' North Panhandle region can expect an average cash return from their crop this year of \$5,000 a farm. The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research has estimated. Total cash income from wheat for the area is expected to be \$60,000,000.

POLICE SHOOT SNAKE

Topeka, Kan.—(U.P.)—Police officers shot a four-foot black-snake out of a tree here recently after residents phoned and reported the snake was preying on young birds.

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