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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

American bombers have blasted Iwo Jima, 600 miles from Tokyo. Iwo Jima spells like a typographical error that started out to be Iowa Jim.

Old Field Marshal Petain of France, now that the jig is up, is scratching his grey noggin to escape punishment for his crimes against the democracies. He is trying to double-cross justice, by transferring to Gen. DeGaulle the "constitutional powers" he now holds at Vichy. The aged and haughty rascal aided and abetted the fall of his native land, and perched before Hitler like a tom-cat full of hamburger.

"MAYOR CALLS PINE CONE EDITOR LIAR: WE BEG TO DIFFER."—(Carmel (Cal.) Pine Cone).—The soft word and the other cheek.

Banning of political literature from the troops causes American blood to boil, a commentator reports, and some changes will be made. There is no monkeying, as yet, with the political reading of the public. With a tight censorship, one might not know who was elected president in November, until the day before the inauguration in January.

HOW TIMES DON'T CHANGE (The Dallas Chronicle)

"Coxey said the railroad companies had the people by the heels. Debs said they had them by the hair. Peffer says the trusts have them by the legs, and Wilson says the sugar trust has them by the throat. From all of which we judge the combinations have several pretty hard holds on the public, every observer discovering a grip in a new place."—(50 Yr. Ago col.)

Rural residents report they have been bothered nights recently by city residents on a lark, and trying to sing like one.

It now comes to light "Providence" had nothing to do with the bomb explosion that ripped off the seat of Herr Hitler's pants, but left him otherwise intact, while holding a conference. However, one of the Der Fuehrer's "doubles" paid with his life, for looking like him. It was a Nazi plot to fool the German people and a fake one, engineered by Gestapo Chief Himmler, who himself, was out of range. To kill a lone man after the mass murders Himmler has staged throughout Europe, must have been a relaxation for him.

"DEMOCRATS NAME WAGNER AND DYE."—(Exchange).—A grim note shows up in the campaign.

Labor Day, the last double holiday of the summer season comes on a pace, and no warning from a governmental bureau to stay at home, to remind the people to plan to go some place.

The state department now bans the removal of Argentine gold from this country. Cracking the late "good neighbor" in the pocketbook is apt to make that Latin land a good neighbor with nations other than those in the Axis.

Wisconsin in its last election did nobly by renouncing "progressivism" and CIO backed congressional candidates, while taking a swipe at the fourth term ambitions of the "Indispensable Man". This is all in addition to the neat pinning back of the ears of one W. Wilkie in the April primary.

BUCKINGHAM HIT

London, Aug. 17—(U.P.)—Rob of bombs recently damaged the grounds of Buckingham Palace, main residence of King George and Queen Elizabeth, it was revealed today. The palace itself was hit at least twice during the German blitz of 1940-41.

Face the Facts First

We are in receipt of a brochure entitled "The Businessman's Stake in American-Soviet Friendship" by a Mr. Harland H. Allen.

Mr. Allen's conclusions are as follows:

"It seems to me that there are 3 great factors in the relationship of Russia and the United States which emphasize the historic responsibility of these two countries for peaceful cooperation.

"First, their postwar control over what it takes to break the peace—their near-monopoly over the munitions of war.

"Second the great range of similarities between these peoples—paying the way to mutual understandings.

"Third, the notable contrast in history and surroundings (experience) which should provide each an unusual capacity for supplementing the other and benefiting from the other. Finally—

"No understanding of Russian American potentials for complementary service is even partially complete without recognizing that while America grew to sturdy greatness on a continent almost by herself, the Soviet achieved their present vigor and world importance with a bellicose Germany literally on one doorstep and a threatening Japan upon the other."

We can imagine no sensible American businessman opposing this or any practical program of peaceful cooperation between this country and Soviet Russia following the war.

BUT, we maintain that any such program TO be practical, must first recognize what Mr. Allen refuses to recognize in this pamphlet, namely:

That the Russian and American peoples instead of being similar in temperament, customs and character are very, very different and—

Unless there is a radical change in one country or the other when the present war ends, their social and political concepts will not only be dissimilar but highly competitive and antagonistic.

For in the post-war world the Russian economy will be based essentially upon a NON-profit, nationalistic-monopolistic system; the American economy essentially upon a PROFIT, individualistic, competitive system.

MR. Eric Johnston, President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, believes that it is possible for the two countries to remain friends and do business with each other on a mutually profitable basis, WITHOUT abandoning or even altering their respective social and economic systems.

We hope Mr. Johnston is right.

That is certainly what the businessmen in this country should earnestly endeavor to accomplish. But as we see it, the goal will never be reached by following the ostrich-like procedure of Mr. Allen, and pretending that no serious difficulties—serious because based upon fundamentals—exist.

SUCH serious difficulties DO exist.

And emphasis upon them, rather than a Pollyanna emphasis upon the benefits of such peaceful cooperation, is the only practical course to pursue if any post-war program of this sort, is to be a success.

Russia is extremely realistic regarding the greatest capitalistic country in the world, the United States. The sooner the United States becomes equally realistic regarding Soviet Russia, the better for both countries and for the post-war world.

Face the Truth Next

In most of these post-war programs of an international character there are flaws due largely to one factor—

Lack of imagination.

It is so difficult to imagine, to visualize in the midst of a terrible war, what the world will really be like in times of peace.

Take the Allen plan above, for example. Because the United States, Russia and Great Britain are allies in this war,—all for one and one for all, until the German-Jap Axis has been completely smashed,—it is difficult to imagine a condition where a similar spirit of unity and cooperation will not exist.

MR. Allen, for example, never mentions Great Britain, and the role she might play in any post-war trade agreements between Russia and the United States.

Yet there is nothing more certain than when the common danger to the "Big Three" is removed,—and its cohesive force also—by the elimination of Germany and Japan, the national interests of Great Britain and Russia in both the Near and the Far East will conflict in the future as they have throughout the past, and that the business interests of both in post-war trade will clash sharply with those of the United States.

For Russian friendship and trade there can hardly help but be keen competition between England and the United States, and ditto in the direction of spheres of influence in both the South Pacific, China and even as close to home as the Caribbean. And probably more important than anything else will be the difficulty of a profit economy of the Anglo-Saxon world competing successfully with a non-profit economy of the Slavic empire.

THAT is only one reason why all this talk about a post-war world under the control of the "Big Four", England, Russia, China and the United States is so foolish. Not only would such a group almost certainly fail to agree on policies of peace, but the rest of the world would not only resent any such exclusive control, and conspire against it, but would soon be playing one of the Big Four against another and in probably less than another decade the entire edifice would crash.

No it can't be done. The only hope for any lasting world peace is a WORLD organization backed up by a world force,—until the nations of the world are willing to pay the price such an organization would necessitate, talk of world peace is mere rhetoric—wishful thinking, no more, no less.

GEO. BALES IS NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR FRIENDS CHURCHES

George Bales, formerly of Newberg, is arriving this week to become associate pastor in charge of youth programs for the Friends church in this territory, according to Milo C. Ross, local pastor. He will preach for the first time in the valley at Talent at 11:30 a. m. Sunday and at Wagner Creek Community church at 3:30 p. m.

Plans for the youth work at Talent will be announced during the 7 p. m. Christian Endeavor hour Sunday.

Bales, granted a liberal arts degree as well as a Bachelor of Theology degree, from Pacific college, has just finished a year's service as recreational director of the Newberg church, one of the largest Quaker churches in the northwest. He is a 4-year letterman in athletics and during the last year served as major sports coach at the college. He has also just finished a season on the faculty of five youth camps in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Announcement of the program for boys and girls in connection with the Medford church will be made as soon as details can be worked out.

Mrs. Bales, the former Elenita Mardock of Florence, will teach in the Talent high school.

CONTROL ADVICE ON BORERS GIVEN

For control of peach root borers in all stone fruits, the trees should be treated now with parathion benzene crystals. C. B. Cordy, assistant county agent, advised today.

"Do not disturb the soil, but remove grass and trash from the base of the tree. Place the crystals in a circle around the trunk and two or four inches from it. Cover with four to six inches of soil," the agent's announcement said.

"In order to be effective this treatment must be completed when the soil is dry and the temperature above 60 degrees F."

"For trees one to three years old use one-half ounce per tree; for trees four to ten years old use three-fourths ounce per tree. For older trees use one ounce per tree. If the trunks are exceptionally large use one and one-fourth ounce per tree."

THE GRANGE

Griffin Creek Grange About 60 members and friends of Griffin Creek Grange attended the H. E. club party at the Joe Smedens home Saturday evening. Because of the busy season, it was voted to omit the September club meeting.

Several members having birthdays in August were honored Tuesday evening.

It was decided to meet at the hall Saturday at 7 p. m. to clean away dry grass around the buildings, and have a party afterward. Ladies are asked to bring sandwiches for refreshments.

Central Point Grange

Regular meeting of Central Point Grange will be held Friday, Aug. 18, at 8 p. m. A special program is planned to tell us of activities of Central Point Grange men in service. This program is planned by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Patterson and committee.

At the meeting August 4 it was voted to hold a booster night program on Friday, September 29. Tentative plans were made with committees as follows: music, Mrs. Mel Williams and Mrs. Delmar Smith; dramatics, Scott Hamilton, Ted Sims, Frank Hammond, Mrs. J. Dobrot and Mrs. L. Freeman; demonstration from Home Ec., Mrs. C. F. McKibben; drills, W. H. Fisher; education, Mrs. W. Foley and Mrs. W. Jensen; recreation, Mrs. H. Tonn; Juvenile Grange, Mrs. Arnold Bohmert.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts Medford and vicinity: Clear tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Clear tonight and Friday but morning high fog near coast. Little change in temperature.

Local Data

Temperature a year ago today:

Highest, 89; lowest, 54.

Total monthly precipitation, 11 inch. Excess for the month, .06 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 16.94 inches. Deficiency for the season, .67 inch.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 25%; 4:30 a. m. today, 75%.

Sunrise 6:22 a. m., sunset 8:07 p. m.

Past 24 hours: High Low Prec.

Boise 87 61

Butte 87 75

Chicago 86 67

Denver 81 52

Eureka 59 34

Hayward 70 48

Los Angeles 60

Medford 91 58

New York 88 71

Oakland 88 60

Phoenix 89 78

Portland 81 52

Reno 83 52

Roseburg 83 55

Salt Lake 80 60

San Francisco 84

Seattle 73 34

Spokane 81 51

Washington, D. C. 81

Yakima 85

Bombs Pave Way for Allies Normandy Smash



Bombs loosed by Allied airmen roll up huge clouds of smoke from blasted German positions along Caen-Falaise road where Canadians and British, from the north, and Americans, from the south, were closing in for battle of annihilation against 100,000 doomed Nazis. Heavy Canadian troops take cover as they prepare for advance.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

From \$120 Gold Club

To the Editor: Probably, at no previous time in history has there been so much interest evinced in gold as there is today, and this interest is not confined to one or two nations but to the entire world.

With this world-wide interest in gold, the time has arrived to acquaint all people with the true meaning and importance of gold, and that, I might say, is just as important an objective as is the club's effort to secure an increase in the price of gold.

Unless the people can be made fully aware of the importance of gold and how it can be used for their benefit, the "managed currency boys" might be successful in their efforts to eliminate gold entirely from our monetary system.

With a national debt that will undoubtedly closely approximate our national wealth at the close of the war, who, or what can we look to but gold for relief from this colossal burden of debt?

In the interest of the future of gold, I am,

Very truly yours, Kenneth K. Ash, Author and founder of the \$120 Gold Club, Yreka, California.

Sees Growing Communism

To the Editor: Communism: A subject increasingly enforced upon the minds of the American people due to the war and also the visit of Mr. Eric Johnson with Josef Stalin of Russia.

Communism defined in one sense is a system of social organization in which goods are held in common; the opposite of the system of private property.

Secondly, it may be defined as any theory or system of social organization involving common ownership of the agents of production and some approach to equal distribution of the products of industry—the popular use of the word conforms to this definition.

Thirdly, defined as a national organization in which all profits derived from each and all industries are shared and paid to each worker according to his effort and work in production.

It is, perhaps, surprising to view the extent to which some of the principles of communism have been put into effect here in America.

Community centers established for the betterment of a neighborhood, community houses to serve as social centers for people of a town or district, community efforts to get an harmonious feeling between the people of country and city.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Ella Sproule versus the "Horseless Carriage"

Miss Ella Sproule is a town legend. Never could get used to automobiles. Said there ought to be a law to ban the pesky things.

Finally, Miss Ella went to Bermuda where automobiles were outlawed. Then the Allies need bases there—and now Miss Ella watches jeeps whiz by and mutters, "There ought to be a law!"

Funny how certain folks, who don't like something, think it ought to be prohibited. Or else they try to run away from it, and it catches up with them—like Progress will.

Joe Marsh

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Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

August 17, 1934 (It Was Friday)

PWA approves city sewage plant, and will provide \$30,000.

Road to Crater Lake will not be kept clear of snow coming winter due to lack of funds.

Fair. High 93, low 60 degrees.

Chinese pheasants are freed within eight mile radius of city by game board.

City schools to open September 17.

Luman's Brothers store to be opened tomorrow.

Drouth boosts living costs in Midwest cities.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 17, 1924 (It Was Sunday)

River of mud flowing from Mt. Shasta endangers McCloud, Cal.

Alienist declares Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, Chicago thrill killers are sane.

Probable rain. High 84, low 52 degrees.

William Hammett and Leon Haskins due home today from fishing trip up Rogue.

Portland buyers week is opened.

Sixty-five Pennsylvanians visit valley and are given auto ride and baskets of fruit.

Mexican Aide Finds Relations Cordial In Oregon Survey

Portland, Ore., Aug. 7—(U.P.)

Relationships between Mexican nationals and farmers in Oregon and Washington were the best that he has seen on an inspection tour of West Coast states, it was declared today by Pedro Muro Asunsolo, representing the information department of the Mexican foreign office.

Asunsolo praised northwest WFA Office of Labor Officials and Farmers for fine treatment given his countrymen in the field and labor camps. He came to the northwest from southern California and Arizona.

He cited the fact that 90 per cent of the Mexicans work out of Office of Labor supervised camps, which he said helps make the men satisfied. He will visit plants in Idaho, Utah and Colorado before ending his tour in Michigan.

R. T. Magleby, regional WFA Office of Labor chief of operations, said Asunsolo found that northwest harvest wages were higher than in other parts of the country.

Eighty per cent of the industrial power used in the U. S. is electric.

Fluhrer's

Friday and Saturday SPECIALS

Fresh Orange Cake

The merry bakers are again featuring a delicious, refreshing cake for these warm summer days. Tender light layers flavored with fresh orange juice and iced in two varieties . . . Creamy rich Chocolate or Fresh Orange . . . 59¢ ea. (Treat the family to a delicious dessert.)

We are now taking orders for Fluhrer's Old English Fruit Cakes to be mailed overseas to our boys in the service . . .

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Bread and Cake