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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

It turned off chilly a couple of

mornings last week, causing the

Older Girls to think about the

soft, lovely, warm blankets the

stores have been advising them

to buy most of the summer.

E. Ulrich, the Prospect m-t-w

towned in mid-week and reported

hail as big as goose eggs and

baseballs, pounded his garden

and left it like Gen. (B. & G.)

Patton had passed through.

A contemporary doubts the

average speed of Oregon motor-

ists is 50 mph. as figured by

state officials. If they don't

make that speed, it's because

their go-carts haint what they

used to be.

Kids will be going to school

again in another month, and the

more optimistic predict the war

with Germany will be over be-

fore then, so the pupils won't be

dismissed to celebrate the peace.

Dan Cupid has been busy at

the chise this month so far.

Many looking preachers in the

eye have returned from pulling

the trigger when they saw the

whites of the enemy's eyes.

Threshing of the valley grain

crop is well along, and not all

of it was ate up by birds, as far-

mers feared earlier in the year.

Rural residents have started re-

porting they counted 37 deer

having supper at a neighbor's

haystack, with hay \$20 a ton.

The shortage of cigarettes still

looms, but does not come to

pass. There is no truth in the

rumor the administration will

launch "roll your own" classes

in all counties, to ease the ca-

lamity.

A number of the Main Stem

awnings are now weather-beaten

and also been whipped by all

the other rugged forces of

nature.

Dick Phair has carpenters

working at his new place, and

to date neither his titan-haired

daughter or dynamic son have

cut off one of his feet, while at

play.

The coming of peace will pro-

duce one of the greatest mass

celebrations the world has ever

known, and cities and towns are

making plans to control the

whoopie, which they can't, and

might as well order the sun to

stand still.

The buckeyes on the horse

chestnut trees have started to

develop. One in the hip-pocket

is the sheriff's favorite cure for

rheumatism.

The C. Wig Ashpole boy

Chuck won a prize in the Ant-

elope 4-H fair. Good work, Chuck!

At the Thurs. eve torso twist-

ing, the villains all met a richly

deserved fate and were scientifi-

cally strangled.

F. Luy, the Phoenix-Antelope

cowman spent the week salting

steers, and counting same, in

the high hills.

Citizens have started taking

time by the forelock, and get-

ting in their winter wood, as all

signs indicate there will be one.

Valley Democrats and New

Dealers are losing faith in their

favorite straw vote polls for

president, since it shows their

man losing, along with other

signs the nation will change

horses in the middle of the

stream.

Watermelons are now ripe

enough to steal. Some are big

enough to fill a candy bucket.

Juvenile delinquency here-

about is on the decline. How-

ever, several cases of 16-year-old

boys attempting to raise whis-

kies have been reported.

An Answer to Mr. Smith

To the Editor:

In the first place let me tell you I am a laboring man. I believe in unions though I do not happen to belong to one just now. But I don't believe in your doctrine that unions should go into politics as the C.I.O. does. I don't believe in a political union any more than I believe in a political church. And I predict that unless the C.I.O. sees the error of its ways and gets out of politics, it will bust wide open one of these days and sink a 100 fathoms deep. Its epitaph will be "torpedoed by politics". No you can't mix them up, brother, when politics comes in the door, unity goes out. Yours for REAL non-partisanship,

N. S. Smith, Rogue River, Oregon, Aug. 16th.

We have not been able to identify Mr. N. S. Smith in Rogue River, but he may live somewhere in that vicinity.

At any rate we are glad to print the communication, for it is well written and does stress an interesting point, and one which we agree, has considerable substance.

More than that we would entirely endorse N.S.M.'s thesis as far as social, religious or fraternal organizations are concerned.

BUT labor unions are not social, religious or fraternal organizations anymore than commercial organizations are,—they are essentially business organizations designed to further the material interests of the members.

And they have the same right to take an active part in politics that any commercial organizations have,—U. S. Chambers of Commerce, Manufacturers Association or what not—for political factors vitally affect business conditions.

BUT not PARTISAN politics! No.

The moment C.I.O., or any other labor union or commercial organization, becomes a rubber-stamp for any ONE political party; goes down the line rain or shine for any ONE political organization regardless of principles or personnel, then it is doomed, and partisan politics will be the cause of death.

BUT being the obedient "yes-man" for a certain party is one thing, being active in politics regardless of party, where politics vitally affect the interests of the membership is quite another.

The latter course has its dangers, we grant. There can be too much of a good thing, and unwise generalship may prove costly.

But the issue is not between wise and unwise political action, but between political action, or no political action at all.

If we understand our correspondent correctly he would allow no political activity on the part of labor unions as unions.

The Mail Tribune disagrees,—we would welcome such activity, and would meet such a challenge not by trying to have less of that sort of thing but more of it; not restricting the movement but extending it all through the body-politic, thus getting as close to 100% political participation as we can,—and as close, incidentally, to a perfect democracy as human limitations allow.

PERHAPS at this point Mr. Smith would call attention to the fact the C.I.O., is really a partisan organization, for it always votes the Democratic ticket straight.

That seems to be a very popular belief but it certainly has no validity in fact.

Only a few months ago in the primary in this state Oregon Labor including the C.I.O., endorsed ex-Governor Sprague on the Republican Senatorial ticket and did not endorse Guy Cordon. It endorsed Walter Whitbeck on the Democratic ticket and opposed Edgar Smith.

Incidentally both candidates OPPOSED by the C.I.O. won!

Surely our correspondent can not have forgotten the fact that four years ago John L. Lewis, the original Messiah of C.I.O. bitterly opposed President Roosevelt and ordered his followers to go down the line for Mr. Wendell Willkie.

The members refused.

But the two incidents certainly squashes any partisan indictment against this organization.

NO as above stated, blind political partisanship will kill any organization that is not, like Tammany or the Union League club, essentially political in character.

But non-partisan political activity won't. And the more we have of the latter not only in labor organizations but in all other organizations throughout the nation, the better for the country and for democratic government.

A Foot Note

As a footnote to the above the idea that widespread labor participation in politics, would threaten to develop a labor government, or perhaps a "dictatorship of the proletariat," just doesn't stand up in the light of experience, and for two main reasons:

One: the labor leaders who control the political policies can't control, or deliver, the membership votes.

This fact was clearly demonstrated four years ago when John L. Lewis told his men to vote one way and they voted another.

Two: the rank and file of labor as well as organized labor leadership in this country, are strongly opposed to any form of political radicalism or dictatorship.

This has been demonstrated repeatedly, and is a matter of official record in the minutes of at least 90% of the U. S. labor organizations.

There are exceptions of course. But by and large the greatest single political force against radicalism in this country is not found in organized capital but in organized labor, for the very simple reason that labor not capital has the more votes.

NAVY TAKES OVER MACHINE PLANTS OF BAY DISTRICT

F.R. Orders Enforcement of W.L.B. Board To Fill War Orders.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—(U.P.) Fighting a union ban on overtime work in machine shops of the San Francisco Bay area, the U. S. navy, on orders from President Roosevelt, today took over the operation of 99 additional plants—bringing the total for the region to 104 government-controlled war industries acquired in the last five days.

Admiral Harold G. Bowen, announcing the seizure at a press conference shortly after it had been reported from Washington, said new overtime schedules in the shops would be posted not later than noon Monday.

Sanctions against all workers who refuse to obey the posted overtime hours will be invoked immediately, Bowen said. These include threat of induction into the armed forces; taking away of extra gasoline rations by the OPA; and refusal of job referral privileges by the War Labor Board.

The admiral pointed out that in certain of the new plants overtime work might not be necessary for the performance of war contracts and in these plants overtime work would not be scheduled.

Bowen said he was undecided yet on the placing of a naval office in each of the seized plants.

"We are taking over these plants," said Bowen, "to enforce the directive of the War Labor Board—that is the main objective."

The new presidential order covers all the shops in the San Francisco Bay region in war industries which have contracts with Lodge 68 of the International Association of Machinists.

Admiral Bowen set the deadline as August 22 for workmen in the 99 newly-seized plants to get back to the overtime schedules.

The machinists, after the navy took over five shops earlier in the week because of the union's refusal to allow more than 48 hours a week work, voted at a meeting Thursday night to exclude this clause from the rules in the seized plants—but retained it in the 99 "free" shops which subsequently were taken over by the navy today.

With the new directive putting all the shops under government control, Lodge 68 has called another meeting for tomorrow morning to consider future action.

KAISER ACCUSED STEALING LABOR

New Orleans, Aug. 19.—(U.P.) Andrew J. Higgins, president of Higgins Industries, charged today that Henry Kaiser had sent men to New Orleans for the purpose of recruiting all the men they can from those recently released at Higgins Aircraft.

"We consider it outrageous," he said, "and we seriously protest against Kaiser being permitted to come into this section to recruit labor."

"It has only been a few weeks ago that there was a furor here about this area being classed as a critical labor market; all that stir up possibly being ammunition and justification of cancellation of the Higgins contract."

MARKADE CENTER WILL KEEP OPEN

On the recommendation of army officers, plans were made for continuing activities of the Markade at a committee meeting yesterday forenoon. The recreation center for servicemen, maintained at St. Mark's Episcopal church on North Oakdale ave. nue, was closed Thursday but shortly after army officers recommended to those in charge that the decision be changed.

At the committee meeting it was planned to continue an evening program at the center from 7 to 10:30 p. m. each day. Wednesday and Saturday night dances will be continued, and Sunday there will be open house and buffet suppers for the servicemen.

Committee members stated that the army officers were of the opinion that even though army bases near Medford are much reduced in personnel, there is still a great need for a recreation program for men still remaining.

The Stamp Act was passed by the English parliament in 1765. The Townshend Acts against the colonies were enacted in 1767.

HOPES HIGH BIG THREE TO FRAME PEACE SECURITY

Soviet, Britain and America Agree on Four Points for New L. of N.

By R. H. Shackford

United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington, Aug. 19.—(U.P.) General optimism about an early agreement among the big powers on a new League of Nations prevailed tonight on the eve of discussions which it is hoped will result in creation of a new international security organization before the end of the war.

The United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union were ready to begin next week what may be the most important conference of this generation. They will draft plans for an organization to keep the peace, the substantial framework of which they have agreed upon in advance.

Only the Russian representatives are missing. They are expected to arrive during the week-end, in time to hear Secretary of State Cordell Hull formally open the conference Monday at 11 a. m. with an address of welcome.

The conference will take place at Dumbarton Oaks, a large, wooded estate on the edge of Washington's Rock Creek Park. The talks, which will be on a "technical level," will be secret. Squads of military police will guard the estate and keep out those not actively participating.

News reporters will be admitted to the opening session. After that the entire estate will be out of bounds to them.

The big three are known to be in agreement on these points:

1. That the full responsibility for keeping peace after this war is theirs and must not be distributed among the 60-odd nations—big and little—of the world.

2. That the decision to use collective force to put down aggression must be unanimous among the United States, Great Britain, Soviet Russia and China. Such a decision makes certain that none of the big powers will be called upon to use its forces unless it is willing.

3. That there shall be created no super-state, supported by an international police force or armies pooled by the big powers. But the Russians do favor an international volunteer air force to be used for admonitory and punitive action.

4. That the structure of the organization shall be: An assembly of all nations; a council of the big four and certain other nations elected annually by the assembly; a world court; agreements and arrangements for maintaining forces adequate to prevent war and prepared for joint action.

RETAIL LETTUCE PRICE UP A CENT

Washington, Aug. 19.—(U.P.) Retail lettuce prices will go up by as much as one cent a head as the result of increases announced tonight by the Office of Price Administration for California producers and shippers.

This will be effected by allowing producers and shippers an increase of approximately 25 cents on Los Angeles crates.

The OPA said the increase would differ in various localities at different times of the year, but the national average rise in consumer prices would be approximately one-half cent a head with the increase reaching a cent a head in some areas. No increase at all can be expected in some areas.

KING GEORGE SEES DEFEAT OF JAPAN

Washington, Aug. 19.—(U.P.) King George VI, predicting "utter defeat" of Japan, has assured President Roosevelt that British military forces will make "an increasing powerful contribution" to the conquest of the Pacific enemy.

The promise was in a message dated August 15 lauding the United States for its recapture of Guam and the "brilliant advance" of American fighting men in the central Pacific.

"It is a splendid augury of the coming utter defeat of Japan to which the forces of the British commonwealth of nations also will make an increasingly powerful contribution," the king said.

The University of California at Los Angeles evolved from the Los Angeles State Normal School founded in 1881.

ODD FELLOWS OF J'VILLE OBSERVE 84TH BIRTHDAY

Jacksonville Lodge No. 10, I.O.O.F., observed its 84th birthday Friday night, with about 80 members of the order from Ashland, Central Point, Gold Hill and Medford attending the special meeting. The lodge was instituted August 18, 1860.

As a feature of the evening the minutes of the first meeting of the lodge were read. Officers for this first meeting were James Robinson, noble grand; William G. Ranson, vice grand; James Kilgore, secretary, and Eber Emery, treasurer. Present officers of the lodge are C. A. Smith, noble grand; Alfred Coffman, vice grand; Howard Lewis, secretary, and Albert Hachert, treasurer.

The evening was spent in reviewing some of the changes that had taken place in the United States and in Oregon and of the advancement of Odd Fellowship during the past 84 years. Speakers observed that Odd Fellows had always taken part in the advancement of public peace, public morality and public honesty. Population of the state of Oregon in 1860 was 52,416 and Jacksonville had a population of over 6,000, speakers stated.

It was also noted that every phase of human activity had felt the magic touch of this period of history. "We have covered the United States with a network of steel, highways, and made air a carrier of our messages; we have mocked the birds in their flight through the air and added the highway of the eagle to human paths. These are but a few of the many changes that have taken place since 1860," one speaker remarked.

Norman Gail, special district deputy grand master for southern Oregon, outlined the plans for state work during 1944. Slogan of the year is "Remember our boys and the Odd Fellows' Home." He also mentioned that the order should have more social gatherings and get-together meetings.

Refreshments were served by the Jacksonville lodge.

CHINESE FORCES HACK OUT GAINS HUPEH OFFENSE

Chungking, Aug. 19.—(U.P.) Chinese forces, in the third day of their offensive against the Japanese right flank in Hupeh province, have hacked out new gains toward Kiangling, on the north bank of the Yangtze, and Hwajung and Owchikow, south of the river, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops also continued to press their assault on Ichang, westernmost Jap stronghold in Hupeh, and other points along a 120-mile arc in the southwestern part of the province.

On the Yunnan front in southwestern China the Chinese have thrown the Japanese out of two more positions within the ancient walls of Tengyueh (Fevyung), 25 miles west of the Burma road, in their struggle to crack the enemy's grip on that major bastion, a communique reported.

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MEDCO EMPLOYEES OVER BOND QUOTA

Medford corporation employees purchased \$43,827.50 worth of series "E" bonds in the Fifth War Loan, exceeding their quota of \$41,493.75 by \$2,333.75. It was announced Saturday by Bernard J. Nutting, resident manager.