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## Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Monday is Labor Day, of which there is now too much, and in the days of the coming peace, it is feared, there will not be enough.

J. Tannehill (The Jaybird) Walker has returned from Frisco, and the Older Girl next door with whom he has been feuding so long, entertained him and coterie of fellow-kids with a weiner roast.

Both Republicans and Democrats are busy expressing horror at the thought their favorite for president will be squashed.

Leon Haskins, the pioneer pillist, is in the throes of moving across the street.

The Les Taylor boy Bob of Phoenix is back in Colorado, as busy as a bee, ant, and one-armed paperhanger.

Picking of tomatoes starts the coming week. Nobody as yet is mad enough to throw any at a presidential candidate.

A light rain fell the past week, but not enough to wash off an auto or cause same to skid at a corner.

The Nazis are now using an 'elastic-defense,' they report. It is bending them back to the Reich and Berlin.

Beef production in the nation is at its highest point in history, but the shortage thereof continues, nevertheless and notwithstanding.

"Maw-russ" Leonard, dynamic electrical wizard, posing on the 10th tee of the local golf club, and with the aid of his family pooch "Golden Bantam" demonstrating something entirely new in the way of a fresco "tete a tete" between master and hound.

The frost was almost on the pumpkin Sat. am. and they were as cool as a cucumber is supposed to be.

The New Deal nominee for vice-president was officially advised Thurs. eve he was it, and came out against a green-hand in the White House, even if he does know what it is all about.

Miss Gladysse (Eliza) Robin, engaged in the war effort in the south, is spending a furlough with her folks, the J. Cochran Robins, of the Vine Maple Apartment. She warns against over-optimism and, hard fighting ahead.

Another leaf was yanked off calendars Fri. and the days are getting shorter on the morning end.

Golfers flocked to the lynx over the week-end for the annual tournament. The greens were barbed to the limit, but contained more tars than the Baptist church lawn.

Careful hunters rejoice they will have plenty of shells to shoot whatever they please, when the time comes, including trespass signs that have not been wounded since Pearl Harbor.

The former 'invincible grey-green legions' of A. Hitler, and 'master-race' are skedaddling for Der Third Reich with great gusto, without stopping to conquer any "little lands", and "helpless peoples" on the way. They would now listen to reason, if able to stop running long enough to listen.

**POWELL CHILD HURT**  
 Hollywood, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—Eileen Powell, six-year-old daughter of Film Stars Joan Blondell and Dick Powell, tonight had 17 stitches taken in her face after she attempted to rescue her pet Collie from a warring Police dog.

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## Still In the Dark

Well another week has gone by and still the future is not clear,—at least to this typewriter strategist. The battle of France has been won,—that is clear enough. All in all it probably ranks next to Stalingrad, as the most decisive battle of the war.

The Russians have taken over Romania, Bulgaria has been lost to the Nazi cause, there seems little likelihood of Germany being able to check the steady crumbling of the eastern wall.

So the complete destruction of Hitler Germany is a bit more certain than it was two weeks ago. But the actual date of the finish is not.

**T**HE end, as remarked at that time, may come "tomorrow." It may not come for several weeks, maybe months.

For it all depends upon Germany,—how long Germany can hold together, how long fatally stricken it can maintain its will to live.

There seems little chance that Hitler will voluntarily capitulate, as long as he has any one to fight for him or fight with.

Therefore barring some beneficent happening like Hitler's flight or death, as long as he has a corporal's guard with the will to resist, no doubt the conflict, even a ludicrously one-sided one,—may go on,—and on.

It is all in the lap of the Gods,—no one can tell. At least no one in this bailiwick.

And we doubt if anyone anywhere, not in the confidence of those tragic fates, who are supposed to write the destiny of individuals and nations upon the imperishable stones of time.

## What Happened?

Allied victory in France was certain,—eventually. As long as the allies had complete control of the air and the sea, as well as practically unlimited man-and fire-power, there was no way Germany could repel an allied invasion, or after it permanently hold France. It just wasn't in the cards.

But a far more successful resistance WAS in the cards, and a far more costly victory to the allies, as well as a far less sudden German collapse.

At least that,—again,—is the belief of this typewriter strategist.

**T**HERE is good reason to believe in fact, that the German general staff was confident the initial allied invasion would fail and probably result in such a wholesale slaughter for the allies, they would look at their hole card VERY carefully before they made any second attempt.

**B**UT something happened! Just what it was, has not been explained officially at least. The most common layman explanation is that Germany believed the landing in Normandy was merely a feint, the real attack would be nearer Calais,—so the high command order to smash the Normandy invasion when issued came too late.

That may be,—or it may not. Like the end of the war the true answer is not available as yet.

## Let the People Rule

Count Sforza says not only the King of Italy but all kings in Europe must go.

Why? England has a king. So has Denmark, Norway and Sweden. What right has the Italian radical, or anyone else to tell the people of these countries they can't have their kings if they want them?

**A**S for Italy, if Count Sforza wants to get rid of King Victor Emmanuel, he has, as an Italian citizen the right to say so. And no one can complain if he wishes to agitate in that direction.

But it is up to the Italian people not up to Count Sforza to decide the question.

**N**OW that the defeat of Germany is certain, various and sundry participants in the allied victory are feeling their oats excessively. Victory is always pleasant and stimulating but when victory has literally been snatched from defeat, it is doubly so.

And allowances should therefore be made for old enemies of Fascism who, like the Italian revolutionist, at great sacrifice and tireless endeavor have at last been vindicated and have all but reached their long sought goal.

**B**UT exhilaration is one thing; intoxication quite another. And it is fairly evident that Count Sforza, and other anti-Fascist liberators, are allowing the sudden change in their political fortunes to go too much to their heads.

After all, the very heart of the anti-Fascist movement is human freedom. And the essence of human freedom, from a political standpoint, is the right of self government, the right of the people,—any people,—to have the type of government they wish.

**W**E are not so sure about the Italian people. But we are reasonably sure about the people of England, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

If it were left to them in a free plebiscite they would undoubtedly vote to retain their kings (and queens) and also their very liberal,—even leftist as far as Sweden and Norway are concerned,—governments.

But whether in such a plebiscite, they did so or not, the entire question is one for them to decide, not for Count Sforza or any other individual or outsider. **L**ET every nation in the world have the type of government the people—a majority of them,—wish to have. That goes for a kingdom on a democratic basis like England, a democracy like the U.S.A., or a

personal dictatorship on a socialist basis, like Russia. Only upon such a cornerstone of free self government can the post-war world be built on solid political foundations.

## WAR CHEST PLANS FOR AREAS OTHER THAN CITY AIRD

Preliminary plans for conducting a campaign to raise funds for the annual War Chest in areas outside of the city of Medford were made at a meeting at the Holland hotel Friday noon.

J. E. Earley, who will serve as general chairman of the drive, presided. It was agreed that the quota assigned to Jackson county would be raised partially under the supervision of the Medford Community Chest, by the city of Ashland and in the outlying districts, as was done last year.

Representatives of the Community Chest present further agreed that the Chest canvasses would be limited to people who either work or live in Medford.

Mrs. Olive Floyd, who last year conducted a canvass of rural areas in connection with the War Chest drive, will assist with the drive again this year and was present at the meeting.

It is hoped that by making early plans, confusion and duplication of effort will be eliminated this year. The drive will officially start October 9, starting date of the nationwide War Chest and Community Chest drives, but it is hoped to do some preliminary work on the campaign between Oct. 2 and Oct. 9.

Present for the meeting were Mr. Earley, Frank Van Dyke and Frank Thompson of Ashland; John P. Moffat, Elwood Hedberg, Frank Hull, A. M. Cannon, Otto Frohnmayer, Ralph Sweeney, Herb Grey, Tony Manno and Lee Bishop.

## NEW START AWAY FROM HOME HELD LURE FOR NIPPS

Los Angeles, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—Fanatical Japanese who kill themselves rather than surrender to American forces might be induced to give up if promised a new life outside Japan.

Vicente Villamin, noted Filipino attorney and economist, suggested tonight. He proposed that the Allies assign suitable islands among the thousands in the Pacific where Japanese who surrender could live and build new communities after the war, supervised as a mandate and free from molestation from the Japanese government.

"A captured live Japanese is a dead Japanese to his government, people and family," Villamin said. "He is officially reported, his funeral is held, the family goes in mourning, his rights are extinguished and death gratuities are paid off."

"If he ever comes back he will find himself a man without a country, family, friends and civil rights. Everyone in Japanese uniform realizes this awful fact. The thought that dominates him is the expectancy of a life of disgrace and desuetude that awaits him in Japan after the war if he permits himself to be taken alive."

"That's the reason he doesn't surrender. Thus a battle with the Japanese army does not end until the very last soldier expires."

## POLYGAMY ISSUE UP COMING WEEK

Salt Lake City, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—Whether polygamy is religion or just plain sex still isn't decided but the government next week will try to prove the latter while three dozen Fundamentalists renew their fight to keep their 400 children legitimate.

Following the summer court recess, polygamy again will rear its plural head in the state courts here Tuesday when 34 Fundamentalists will argue motions to quash information in a charge of conspiring to teach and practice polygamy, which the government claims is immoral. Arguments will be heard by a new judge, M. J. Bronson.

**PINS DEFACE POOL**  
 San Diego, Cal.—(U.P.)—There's no scarcity of bobby pins here—in one place, anyhow. San Diego club authorities say one of the hardest parts of cleaning the club's swimming pool is the removing of rust spots caused by bobby pins on the bottom.

Transfer of the Canadian postal system from the British to the Provincial government was accomplished on April 6, 1891.

## PISA EVACUATED BY NAZIS; YANKS BY GOTHIC LINE

Rome, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—American troops of the Fifth army tonight captured the city of Pisa, 14 miles northeast of Leghorn, and continued on at least four miles to the Serchio river, while across the leg of Italy's boot, troops to the Eighth army pushed from four to five miles inside the vaunted Gothic defense system along a 20-mile front.

American forces found Pisa evacuated by the Germans. The continued northward advance was aimed at Lucca, 11 miles to the northeast, and Viareggio, seacoast city 15 miles to the northwest, both on modern highways leading from Pisa.

The assault on the city was not aimed on a direct line, which, with opposing lines drawn along the wide Arno river, would have meant bitter street fighting.

Instead, Lt. Gen. Mark Clark sent fast-moving and powerful flanking forces east of the city against and around the Pisano hill mass. The Germans at first offered bitter resistance with considerable fire from self-propelled guns and other artillery. The advance, however, was so swift that the Germans were forced to leave the city.

## NAZIS DEPORTED 90,000 JEWS OUT OF PARIS AREAS

By Edward W. Beattie  
 United Press War Correspondent

Paris, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—Close to 90,000 Jews—nine-tenths of the Jewish population in the third, fourth and fifth arrondissements of Paris—were deported by the Nazis to Germany or Poland during the last four years, according to residents who managed to save themselves by going into hiding.

There was not one person to whom I talked in this district of mean little streets and dingy old buildings who did not have at least one relative or friend who disappeared into the limbo Adolf Hitler created for the people he hated.

When the Nazis entered Paris the first thing they did was to obliterate the possibility of Jews earning a livelihood. They did this by forbidding them to leave their houses except for one hour between 11 a. m. and noon.

Their telephones were cut off. The markets were open only in the afternoons, so the Jews could not get any food. They were forced to rely on the kindness of non-Jewish friends who could bring them some brown bread, a few vegetables and a little meat to keep them alive.

There were literally dozens of other restrictions. And to enforce them, the Nazis enrolled French thugs.

The Gestapo systematically terrorized the Jews by repeated searches of their houses. Often they were accompanied by men dressed in French police uniforms who took everything of value during the search and presumably split with the Nazis.

When these men occasionally were uncovered by the French police and arrested, the Germans always obtained their release.

## REPORT SLOVAKS BATTLING NAZIS

Moscow, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—Heavy fighting between Czechoslovakian partisans and German forces in Slovakia was reported today by Gen. Rudolf Vlastak, deputy chief of the Czechoslovak governmental commission waiting here to follow the Russian army into the tiny republic.

Vlastak said the partisans had been joined by local Slovak army gendarmes and police and that the patriots, with advance information of a concentration of six German divisions along the southern and western borders of Slovakia, had attacked and gained control of strategically important towns and communications centers.

The Germans started their invasion Aug. 27, he said, and fighting spread quickly to the Trenchin area, center of war industries.

## SEVENTH ARMY IN SOUTH FRANCE IS AHEAD OF NEWS

Unofficially Italian Line Crossed Last Thursday; Not Confirmed.

Rome, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—The U. S. Seventh army tonight has captured so many towns so many miles ahead of the front line as it is publicly known, that the final collapse of the German armies in southern France would appear to be a fact if the real front line were disclosed.

Allied spearheads for the past week or 10 days constantly have been dozens of hours and dozens of miles ahead of the official accounts. There have been times when their positions even have cancelled out the normal routine under which each morning's communiqué represents the situation as it was the preceding afternoon.

Even in the Allied press room here, you will find correspondents who are willing to wager that the forces driving up the Rhone valley already are well beyond Lyon. Tonight's communiqué placed the Americans 14 miles to the south.

It is quite possible that the speed with which the Seventh army is thrusting tentacles, wedges, and pincers all over southern France has even the authors of the communiques confused. Either that, or it takes time to insure that the towns have been consolidated and are held in force instead of having been entered and left behind by flying columns.

On the right flank, Italian newspapers have been getting reports from the resistance front saying the Americans crossed into Italy last Thursday or earlier. Officially, however, our troops still are only seven or eight miles from the frontier.

The most probable explanation of the huge time lag between the situation as it actually exists and the communiques arises from the complete collapse of the German intelligence and the natural reluctance of the Allied High Command to give the enemy any information he may not know.

## THOMAS VISIONS RED-MOSCOW ROW A "BED FOR WAR"

Missoula, Mont., Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—Tail, white-haired Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president, strode about a Missoula hotel room in his shirt-sleeves today, declaring that the "tug of war" between Moscow and London is "really another invitation to war."

Stating that his appearance in western Montana was a "straight appeal for the Socialist party," the off-defeated presidential candidate said the "winning of the peace" was proceeding much slower than the winning of the war. The United States, he said, is getting ready to underwrite the supremacy of the white race in the east.

Thomas said he believed it still possible to make a lasting peace, but that peace could not be built by "conscriptive methods."

The Socialist candidate tonight will address western Montanans on the campus of the state university here on "Will Democracy Prevail in the Post-War Period." He said he would try to persuade his audience that it ought to want what "we Socialists" want, and that if it agrees with the Socialists, it will be throwing its vote away unless it votes Socialist.

**SHOW GOOD "NOSE"**  
 Topeka, Kan. (U.P.)—That well-known "nose" that journalists are reported to use in their profession seems to be needed in other types of work, too. Police officers here were recently called to a home to help locate a peculiar odor. The officers sniffed until they discovered a leak in the coil of an electric ice box.

Sacramento, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—Ameradada Petroleum Corp.'s gas well near Dixon, 22 miles southwest of Sacramento, has been brought in with a "heavy flow" of gas, Carl Schmeisser reported today.

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## GERMANS DEPART ITALY CLAIM OF PARTISAN CHIEF

By Aldo Forte  
 United Press Correspondent  
 Chiasso, Italy—Swiss Frontier, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—A partisan leader who crossed the frontier late today said that the Germans, giving every sign of evacuating northern Italy, were shipping heavy artillery through the Brenner Pass to Germany and that the German command had ordered all heavy artillery, tanks and ammunition depots moved out.

The partisan leader was a former captain of the Italian Alpini and has been fighting in the north Italian country since the German occupation following the armistice last September.

He told this correspondent that the movement of heavy artillery through the Brenner Pass had been going on since Thursday.

The day before, he said, German commanders in north Italy held a conference in Cosmo under the leadership of the SS General Rauf. At this conference, after lengthy discussion, Rauf ordered the rest of the heavy artillery and the few remaining heavy tanks, gasoline and ammunition depots in northern Italy be cleared and sent to Germany.

The partisan leader understood that Rauf gave his general a secret meeting point, "somewhere in Lombardy," where all German detachments were to gather on 24 hours' notice if the situation in Italy should become untenable.

I was told that German generals already have shipped personal belongings and a large amount of loot from Italian art galleries to Germany. The partisan leader said that at Milan two German officers had so much loot that, lacking baggage space, they used newly-built coffins to carry paintings and statues.

## LIFE OF NORRIS Praised Highly BY WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt tonight described the death of former Senator George Norris as "a national bereavement" and said that "a grand old champion of popular rights has made his journey."

Text of the president's statement:  
 "To sum up one's feeling in the face of a national bereavement like the death of George Norris is not easy. Standfast in the faith of liberalism to the end of his 83 years, he was an uncompromising foe of special privilege who never wavered in this belief that the welfare of the majority is the responsibility and the duty of government."

"Father of the 20th amendment to the Constitution which ended the anachronism of the 'lame duck' session of the congress, he also has left a lasting monument in the Tennessee valley authority which he created body and soul. Few of his reactionary critics in or out of the congress, who maligned and calumniated him for his sponsorship of the Muscle Shoals act, would have the temerity to challenge the wisdom of that legislation today."

"So, it is that a pillar of state has fallen, a tower of strength has been laid low, and a grand old champion of popular rights has made his journey."

**HANKY BAITS BASS**  
 Brainerd, Minn.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Ray Eckerly lost her hanky to a fish. While standing beside a fish pond at Absarben on Bay Lake, Mrs. Eckerly waved her hanky about 10 inches above the water. Up leaped a bass, who grabbed the hanky and devoured it.

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 The Red river is 1,273 miles long.

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**TEN YEARS AGO TODAY**  
 September 3, 1934  
 Labor Day sees greatest strike in nation's history underway.

Fair and warm. High 104, low 62 degrees. Warmest day of year.

Labor urges 30-hour week to provide more jobs.

Five million on relief by February is prediction.

City is deserted on Labor Day as hundreds motor to hills and lakes.

Building in city 75 per cent higher than last year.

Rural schools of county opened yesterday for new term.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY**  
 September 3, 1914  
 (It was Wednesday)

More American warships sent to China as civil war nears, with heavy fighting in Shanghai.

France starts to prevent second disarmament conference.

Fair and warmer. High 97, low 57 degrees.

Texas democrats start anti-Klan drive

Hundreds of deer found dead near Klamath Falls, probe started.

Ticket sale for county fair opens.

Football practice under Coach Pring Callison starts at high school. Among players reporting are Clare (Tyler) Williams, Gilbert Knips, Harley Dressler, Mervyn Chastain, Bernard Senn and Raymond Singler.

## CHANDLER FLAYS HALIFAX'S STAND ON IKE'S ADVISOR

Washington, Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—Sen. A. B. Chandler, D., Ky., in a dramatic reply to a blistering statement by British Ambassador Lord Halifax, made public today what he said was a cablegram written by a British official in India declaring former Ambassador William Phillips persona non grata because his views favoring Indian independence "are not what we are entitled to expect from a professedly friendly envoy."

The cablegram, addressed to the secretary of state for India in London, said "we feel strongly that the British embassy should be supported in carrying this matter further with the (U. S.) state department."

Chandler this week on the senate floor demanded a White House explanation of Phillips' recall from London as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's political adviser. In releasing the cablegram, he said it was documentary proof of his charges that the envoy was recalled because he had advised President Roosevelt in a memorandum that the Allied war effort in Asia was being jeopardized by Great Britain's refusal to guarantee Indian independence.

**LOG CHUTE DAMAGED**  
 Portland, Ore., Sept. 2.—(U.P.)—Fire which struck the log chute of the Ostrander Railway and Timber company Friday night did between \$8,000 and \$10,000 worth of damage, Verne Coswell, office manager of the firm, said today.

Watertown, Mass.—(U.P.)—War Worker Robert Bennett supports his wife and nine children, and still manages to set aside 17.5 per cent of his pay each week for war bonds.

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