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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Italian and German members

of their embassies in Japan recently

resorted to prayer, the Tokyo radio

reports, for the salvation of their Axis

lands. The peoples of both nations have

cause for deep and earnest

prayer, by condoning the acts of

their leaders. As for the supplicants

they probably asked deliverance from

where they are, and gave thanks they are

not home.

Gov. Dewey, the GOP presidential

choice, visited Chief Spotted Crow of a

South Dakota Indian reservation during

his Nebraska stay. The nominee

promised the Indians would not have to

take the country back as they have

suffered enough.

Valley equestrians are again

in the saddle. They find the

early morning rides bracing

after which they have to brace

themselves against their mount,

fence, or house.

Bear stories have started

coming out of huckleberry

patches, and football coaches.

Black Tornado opponents al-

ready figure they will penetrate their

line, like Russia and the

Allies go through "German last

lines of defense."

OTHER THAN SPIRITUAL

(Want ad S.F. Chronicle)

EVEN A MINISTER

must move! Exigencies of

war; urgently needs 2 or 3-

bedrm. apt., flat, house; un-

furn.; pay to \$100; 3 adults;

perm. DE. 2727 bet. 10 a. m.;

RA. 5736 bet. 10 a.m.-1 p.m."

In Great Britain, when the

lights were turned on again af-

ter five years of war blackouts,

people kissed the lamp posts.

In this country lamp posts ex-

pects to run into wild autoists

on V-Day.

The democratic whip in the

House reeks with optimism. He

says the GOP triumph in Maine

"doesn't mean a thing" and with

"a little work" that state will go

for the Fourth Term in Novem-

ber. If this is not blind faith,

it needs new specs.

A THRILL—INDEED!

(Sharon (Pa.) Herald)

"The war's biggest thrill

for a civilian came today to

Mrs. Mildred Batten Hoch-

adel, Prindle St., wife of a

Thunderbolt fighter plane

who had been reported mis-

sing in action."

The Allied bombers have

been "carpeting" the German

front. It gives the rug-eating,

table-chewing Herr Hitler to

exercise his teeth and jaws

upon when mad.

"The luncheon meeting will

be limited to 100 women, which

is too many for one place and

one time."—(New Orleans Pi-

cayune).—None of the editor's

put.

The grunt & groan solrees re-

opened at the armory last night.

One of the gladiators hit his foe,

but failed to swallow him in

one bite.

Press dispatches indicate Rus-

sia will tend to Sweden in due

time. Sweden is the great peace

loving nation that in two wars

has waxed prosperous making

munitions for, and shipping

iron to the Nazis. The Soviet

feels if Sweden is going to

roost on the fence during times

of strife, they should be

watched. With Russia doing

the watching. No word is

forthcoming on how

Finland—the late "poor

Finland"—is coming out in

peace negotiations at Moscow.

Her diplomats are learning it

is easier to plunge into war

than plunging out of it into

peace.

Trinity college at Toronto was

incorporated on Aug. 2, 1851.

Closing time for Classified ads 9

a. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30

p. m.

Police Force in the Air?

According to the grapevine the chief stumbling block at Dumbarton Oaks is the question of an international force to support the decrees of the proposed international league.

The Russian delegation stands for such a force confined to the air.

The American and British delegations oppose it—oppose any international force in fact—on the ground nothing should impair the complete sovereignty of the participating nations.

If this report is correct—and it sounds plausible—then the Russians have the best of it.

For as has been frequently pointed out in this department the new League of Nations will be no better than the old, unless its decrees do have force to sustain them.

Any nation, or nations, in a mood to make trouble won't be deterred by provisions without teeth in them, or decrees without force behind them. The past has certainly amply demonstrated that fact.

THE Russians, it is also reported, favor in theory an international police force equipped for land, sea and air, but grant that the practical difficulties are too great to surmount considering the present state of world opinion, so they will be content with an air force alone.

We don't doubt that is good judgment. Better ask for the minimum at the start, and work from that to the maximum, rather than ask for the maximum and get nothing at all.

AN international air-force, moreover, would be inexpensive to maintain, be ready at practically any moment to take whatever action might be believed desirable, and could strike within 24 hours at any place on the globe.

So for the sake of the new league and its success this newspaper hopes the Russians have their way in this direction at least. Trying to outlaw war without authority to fight for peace, would be like trying to melt iron without heat—just can't be done!

Amazing Casualty Costs

One of the most amazing and gratifying features of this war to date has been the comparatively low U. S. casualty lists.

This has been true both in the South Pacific and Europe, and in spite of the fact that our forces have been continually on the offensive—supposed to be far more costly in modern warfare in lives than the defense.

In the Pacific the difference in casualties between the Japs and the Americans has been truly sensational—ranging often as high as ten to one.

The answer undoubtedly in that theatre is chiefly equipment, the American vastly superior both for offense and defense. (That and of course the traditional passion of the Japs for death.)

BUT in Europe, according to all reports, the American troops have been only slightly less fortunate.

Such a close observer and well-informed war correspondent as Quentin Reynolds for example, predicted last April that the allied casualties in the invasion of France would total half a million men.

Instead of losing half a million men, the allies lost less than 100,000 in the actual invasion and inflicted close to half a million casualties on the Germans before completing the reconquest of France.

In fact in the so-called "Battle of France" the Germans suffered more total casualties dead, wounded and prisoners, than the American armies have suffered since the war began, and in both Europe and the Far East.

AT least this is the story told by the casualty lists and estimates of enemy losses, as published by the U. S. war department.

All of which is very cheering, and reflects great credit upon the higher-ups both in the army and navy, who are responsible for equipping and training the young men of this democracy for war—young men who less than three years ago, did not know the difference between a barrage and a bomb sight!

Dewey Is Smart

As we remarked at the time of Governor Dewey's nomination the man is smart.

He may be our next President or he may not be, but, win, lose or draw—he is going to give Franklin Delano Roosevelt a "hoss race".

There is going to be no walk-away this time, as there was four years ago. And no bungling from a Republican vote-getting viewpoint as was the case in 1940.

GOVERNOR Dewey has had very little to say since his nomination but what he has said has been very much to the point.

And his remarks have had this constant feature—they form a sharp attack—silence, then another attack. Like a clever boxer the New York Governor believes in an offensive, which is too fast and covers up too quickly for an effective counter-punch.

It will be interesting to observe how the "old master" will react to this when the time comes for his first "POLITICAL" speech.

Will he be forced on the defensive? That is what New York's former District Attorney is trying to accomplish, but we can't believe F. D. R. will ever fall into that trap. Far more likely attack will be met by counter-attack.

Only 7 weeks left—they promise to be very interesting from a political standpoint!

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington Sept. 15 — The next international conference (the big one) is not slated for London or Paris, but Berlin.



Paul Mallon

Stalin is to join Roosevelt and Churchill in the German capital as soon as the troops move in, perhaps even before the final surrender of Hitler. This, at least, is the current plan toward which work already has been started, but personally I have some doubts as to whether it can be fulfilled, especially before election.

Mr. Roosevelt wanted to go to the fighting front in Guam when he was in Honolulu. In fact, he planned it, but Adm. Nimitz persuaded him not to dare needlessly risk the air or sea attack by the bypassed Jap bases. (His publicist, Elmer Davis, went on according to plan.)

The Germans are not going to surrender this time the way they did in 1918. All their tactics show Hitler hopes to fight for every inch of ground and then swing his movement underground, and not just in Germany, but as an international fascist movement along the lines the communists perfected in Germany and elsewhere.

Experience with both military and political booby traps tells us he must have planned his political retreat from France as bitterly as his military retreat. If he was able to left behind men and money to carry on his work in the highest places and by the strongest means possible.

HITLER considers this war only a phase of his movement, a temporary failure, as indeed his less crafty but equally fanatical Mussolini proclaimed in his book, predicting that years hence fascism will be the popular world system.

So we are not quite up to the facts when we wonder only what we will do with Germany to make her a peaceful neighbor. We must plan to stamp out a ruthless underground world movement plotting, in defeat, its future victory.

Also the resentful reception given our troops in captured German cities adds weight to the suspicion that Berlin may not be the pleasantest place in the world for its liberating leaders for a while.

Every wisp of fundamental news lately furthermore has suggested we are babes in the woods of politics in Europe.

The European public mind outside the cities is a peasant mind, nothing like that of the American farmer or anything in America. The cities are leftist socialist of either the fascist or communist variety. But we talk such academic matters as "sovereignty."

Stalin, for example, is developing a practical interpretation of sovereignty. While he told Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill he was too busy to attend their Quebec conference, he was taking over Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Yugoslavia and the whole Balkans, where London formerly wielded great political influence through finance and diplomacy.

This will have more to do with their sovereignty than anything possible at Quebec. Formerly their currencies, for instance, were tied to sterling. But sterling now is tied to the dollar and the dollar is founded on gold. We must maintain gold at \$36 an ounce for our book-keeping safety, yet Stalin can mine it and sell it to us for a cost of say \$15 an ounce. This means Stalin can buy \$36 worth of American goods for \$15 of his gold values.

LIKEWISE Stalin's former leftist socialist theories seem to be switching from the communal to the democratic formula. In Poland, Italy and elsewhere he asks only that his local people be represented in the parliament and the government. As his group is everywhere the most militant remaining political force in all Europe the democratic formula will suit his purposes.

Great events in history are forced and made inevitable by the thousands of little events going before. This war itself was made inevitable by the opposing political forces involved, and the murderous methods they employed from the beginning.

Is a superficial peace now being made inevitable by the little events in the daily news showing the trend of fundamentals? Does anyone have the solution?

Nearly 23 per cent of all persons arrested last year were under 21 years of age.

Closing time for Sunday Too late to Classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

September 15, 1934
(It was Saturday)

Textile strikers demand ousting of Gen. Johnson NRA head, for charging union heads with violations of pledged word. President Roosevelt urged to take action to end industrial turmoil.

Fair and somewhat cooler. High 95, low 47 degrees

Firebugs busy in Curry county forests.

Midwest drought victims move to Pacific coast states, survey shows.

Germany massing "mystery planes," senate quiz hears.

Starve disease ravages duck flocks of Klamath county lakes.

Jackson county co-operative purchases site on Pacific highway for gas station.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

September 15, 1914
(It was Monday)

Mason Ehrman warehouse on South Flt. to be made into a pre-cooling plant.

State supreme court upholds state income tax law.

Drive started on Shanghai in Chinese civil war.

Fair. High 94, low 51 degrees.

Washington goes into lead over Yankees in close American league race.

Thursday will be Medford Day at Josephine county fair.

Delegates to state conference of Methodist church here arrive in large numbers.

Army world girdling planes reach Omaha.

3 J'VILLE DOGS

POISON VICTIMS

Three dogs were poisoned in Jacksonville yesterday it was reported today from the Southern Oregon Humane society and pet owners in that district were urged to be on guard.

Mrs. Sid Richardson of the society stated this morning that a white Spitz belonging to E. D. McIntyre, a fox terrier owned by Vail McVay and a black shepherd dog belonging to Arne Carlson all died yesterday, evidently of poison. The dog owners and Mrs. Richardson were of the belief that strychnine had been used.

Mrs. Richardson stated that an investigation was being carried on.

THE GRANGE

Phoenix Grange met with Master Bill Poling in the chair. While the attendance was small an interesting and enjoyable meeting was held.

Serving committee for the next meeting, Sept. 26, is to be Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ferris, Mrs. Ferris, Mr. and Mrs. House and Mr. Hearn.

There will be no home economics meeting this month.

Applegate Grange met Sept. 8 with eight officers present. Clifford Powers was obligated in first and second degrees by Master Glen Best.

Next Home Economics club meeting will be Sept. 20 with Sister Harriet Rich.

The following members were appointed on the Boosters Night committee: Herbert Elmore, Lester Hill, Geo. Fields, Benj. Ellis, Grace Hunter and C. H. Elmore.

Grange will not meet on Sept. 22 but will have an open meeting for Boosters Night on Sept. 29, to which the community is invited.

P. W.'S ESCAPE

Santa Rosa Calif., Sept. 15—(U.P.)—Two escaped German prisoners of war, believed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be attempting to reach the Mexican border, remained at large today following their escape from a work camp near here.

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SIMPLIFIED TAX

BLANKS READY TO

USE NEXT MARCH

Washington, Sept. 15—(U.P.)—The treasury reported today that it will have ready for use next March 15 a simplified, all-inclusive income tax blank for some 20,000,000 taxpayers not planning to use withholding receipts for their next year's returns.

The new form, known by the same number—1040—as the

previous "long form," will be used primarily by three classes of taxpayers:

1. Persons earning \$5,000 or more annually.
2. Persons earning less than \$5,000 of which more than \$100 was income from sources not subject to withholding.
3. Persons earning less than \$5,000 who claim deductions of more than 10 per cent for charitable contributions interest payments, medical expenses and purposes other than dependency.

Taxpayers not included in the above list—estimated at some 30,000,000—are privileged to follow the simple procedure of merely filling in withholding tax receipts which their employers will furnish and sending them in to the treasury on tax day. Treasury experts then will figure the individual's tax and send

either a bill for money still owing or a refund.

URGENT ALUMINUM USE
Los Angeles, Sept. 15—(U.P.)—Metal manufacturers today were urged to use once-scarce aluminum as a substitute for critical war metal. Louis M. Dreyfus, War Production Board official, said a surplus of 1,000,000 pounds of aluminum was available now for authorized civilian production as well as for war goods.

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