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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The diver and sundry pseudo

shortages now sweeping the

land were unknown in "the

good old days," an exchange

observes. "In the good old

days" the nation never ran out

of anything but cranberries

three days before Thanksgiving.

The chairman of the demo-

cratic national committee de-

scribes Gov. Dewey's talk at

Oklahoma City last Monday as

"a hysterical outburst." This

appears to be just another case

of judging others by yourself.

The Allies are still undecided

about peace terms for Germany,

including how that war-like

nation shall be whacked up. A

fine point is how to brew a

peace that will not leave them

without hope. They should be

severe enough to leave Ger-

many without any hope of start-

ling World War III, signs of

which are already noted in the

Teutonic crew. There is no way

to let Germany write her own

peace terms, so the argument

rages on.

The C. Pheasant Safety Coun-

cil convened back of the Oak

Grove schoolhouse late yes. and

took preliminary steps to pre-

vent becoming feather dusters

this fall.

"Have you made your post-

war plans? Have you picked

the first clerk of whom you

will ask: 'Don't you know

there's a peace on?' — (S. F.

Chronicle.)—Better hurry!

Gov. Dewey assures the na-

tion he will eliminate from the

Washington, D. C., scene, H.

Hopkins, deputy president, who

lingered approximately 11 years

in the White House without be-

ing elected to anything by a

vote of the people. As hereto-

fore, during a campaign the

deputy president has not been

in the public eye, ear and nose.

He will exit closely followed by

Madame Perkins and Secretary

Ickes, both also possessed of

great nuisance value in their

cabinet posts, but never sent to

China.

LIFE'S IRRITATIONS

(Cincinnati Post)

"Dear Mrs. West: I am a

widow with two children.

Aimee Semple McPherson

So Aimee Semple McPherson has shouted her last "hallelujah!"—may her ebullient spirit rest in peace. An extraordinary woman, Aimee—a Mrs. Jekyll and Mrs. Hyde if there ever was one.

She did great good—there is no doubt of that. Her type of crude evangelistic appeal, combined with a very practical sense of the material—both for herself and others—reached and benefitted a certain strata which the more formal and enlightened religions, passed by. Many will sincerely mourn her passing and often long for her return.

SHE called it "saving souls, for the Lord."

It was not so much saving souls for the Lord, as it was making hundreds of human beings more contented physically and spiritually than they had been, and saving their pennies for Aimee's strong box in the fire-proof vault of the Four-Square temple.

The last time we saw Aimee was in that Four-Square temple in Los Angeles. She had pretty much lost her youth, and beauty, but she still had that amazing self-assertiveness and verve, and sheer animal power to arouse the emotions and enthusiasms of those about her.

THE note of avarice which had always been there, had become even more pronounced and less subtle.

When the collection time came, Aimee strode to the front of the platform, and suddenly all business with strong forearms akimbo, said:

"No small change today, brethren, make it paper money, Bless the Lord, Bless the Lord!"

And as the plates passed it was apparent many of them had.

YES a very extraordinary person was Aimee Semple McPherson—crude, greedy, amoral, yet kindly, generous, affectionate, charitable.

And what a chance for the biographer now that her amazing career has ended.

We hope someone worthy of the job is the first to tackle it, rather than either the "authorized effort" of a devoted disciple, or the pot boiler-pulp opus of some Hollywood hack who wants some easy money, and would over-stress the Mrs. Hyde phase of Aimee's fifty years.

Properly done here certainly "The Strange Career of Aimee Semple McPherson" would be a sure-fire best-seller!

We Don't Believe It

With all due respect to Mr. John A. Paris of the United Press we just don't believe that Hitler ever made a serious attempt to invade England in 1940, and was driven back when the R A F fired incendiary bullets on the oil-covered waters of the channel.

There may have been some sort of Nazi commando raid, or even a German naval reconnaissance in force, but any all-out invasion attempt as described in yesterday's wire—no it makes a good front page story, but it just doesn't—as we see it—hold up.

IN the first place the best authority we can find hereabouts maintains that covering the English channel with oil would be a physical impossibility. That is sufficient oil to ignite, burst in flame and present a permanent wall of flame against any large invasion force.

In the second place in 1940 Germany had marked air superiority over England. Certainly the German general staff would never have attempted any all-out invasion of England without establishing an air canopy over the channel, and preventing any such onslaught by the R A F as the story claims.

IN the third place why would England have kept such a tremendous feat secret all these years and especially at that particular time, when things looked so dark on the tight little isle, and the crying need was for some cheering news, both for the boys at the front, and the people behind it.

WE don't doubt some sort of disaster overtook the Germans after the victory at Dunkirk. For there have been reports from many sources of dead Germans and wreckage found along the French coast, late in 1940.

But rather than any all-out invasion crushed by the R A F with incendiary bullets, we would think it more likely, that the Germans were rehearsing some invasion program, that a severe storm overtook them, with fire as one of the results, and while a disaster did occur, and the nurses stories of treating German burned and wounded were correct, it was relatively speaking a minor one.

In other words the tragic end of some preliminary try-out, rather than any all-out attempt to invade England.

He Gets It

We have an idea that before the campaign is over Governor Dewey will have something to say about usurpation of dictatorial powers by that "Great Democrat who occupies the White House."

It would be believe prove a fruitful subject. President Roosevelt constantly affirms and reaffirms his great faith in our democracy, his devotion to the rule of the people, "Vox Populi, Vox Dei," etc., etc.

His devotion then to representative government—the only direct representatives the people have—must be equally devout.

BUT as Stanley High shows in the current "SEPost"—President Roosevelt not only often disregards

the decrees of the peoples representatives, but in many cases deliberately overrides them.

The Congress for example a few years ago turned down a request for funds with which to build a large information bureau in Washington, and specifically ordered the President not to transfer funds from any other source for such a purpose.

The President's answer was to issue a directive for more than half a million dollars and the Information Bureau was built. It is now functioning—a monument to the fact that when the President wants something the people through their representatives declare he can't have—he just goes out and gets it.

Hellcat Tank Destroyers Wreck Nazi Tiger Tanks

By Ralph Heinzen
United Press Staff Correspondent

Flint, Mich. (U.P.)—I piloted across a Michigan landscape one of this country's newest weapons, the M-18 "Hellcat" tank destroyer, which is now killing

The War Department lifted some of the secrecy which has surrounded construction and use of this tactical weapon designed to end the dominance of tanks in modern warfare.

I was a civilian intern in Germany more than a year ago when the Nazis threw into battle in North Africa, Russia and Italy their new famous "Tiger" tanks. I knew it to be a powerful weapon which took a heavy toll of less formidable tanks. I saw it in action in official German war reels. I judged it to be the outstanding weapon introduced into modern warfare in 1943.

On a secret proving ground within the Buick factory here, I saw America's answer to the Tiger—a faster, better armored, more powerful weapon which can smash an enemy strong point at 750 miles range but which is at its best in give-and-take battle at 1,000 yards.

This weapon, which followed the Tiger into action by less than a year, has already rendered the German tank obsolete.

The Hellcat is officially inscribed on the books as the 76-millimeter gun motor carriage, M-18. It is a mobile gun in an open turret on a tank chassis.

Its role is to race into battle against enemy tank formations and destroy them by means of its far greater speed, mobility and fire power. In its baptism of fire in France, it proved superior to even the latest Tigers.

With a crew of five, its anti-aircraft machine gun, and a full load of ammunition, it weighs approximately 19 tons. Yet it can travel 55 miles an hour. The fastest any Tiger has ever done in speed tests in this country is 35 miles an hour, although the Germans claim for it a top speed of 38 miles.

I had never driven a tank before, yet the operation of the Hellcat is so simple that after a one-minute demonstration of its controls I was able to drive it across the proving ground at full speed. Not counting some tricky skids on the curves, it was easy to drive as an automobile. The bumps were absorbed by knee-action devices.

The Hellcat is steered and braked by two simple levers. There are three speeds forward and one in reverse. Running at high speed forward, it can be stopped practically within its own length, and can be put in full speed backward at once.

Stripped of cargo and crew, it weighs only 17½ tons and can be carried in the largest British gliders. It can ford enemy water traps.

The Hellcat fires three types of shells—high-explosive, smoke, and armor-piercing. The latter can knock out enemy strongpoints at 7½ miles. At one mile range the gun can be aimed like a rifle and fired

Pyle Home



(Aimee Telephone)
Ernie Pyle, Pulitzer prize-winning Scripps-Howard columnist and war correspondent, enjoys his first real breakfast upon return to New York after 10 months of service in Italy and France.

point blank. The gun overhangs the chassis, yet I was able to take the destroyer up and down a 30-degree slope without trouble.

Originally, the Tiger had an 88-mm. gun, but the Germans since have installed a 75-mm. gun for which they claim a muzzle velocity of 3,500 feet per second, using a 15-pound shell. Both the German and American guns have muzzle-brakes to shorten the recoil. Both fire better from a standing position but the American destroyer is fitted with a stabilizer which permits it to fight a running battle.

The designing, construction and testing of the Hellcat set a new record for ordnance strategy. When the Tigers first appeared, the Allies had nothing to match it. The War Department awarded a contract to Buick, who, working in co-operation with the Ordnance Department, developed the details and completed the design. Buick engineers studied the Tiger then returned to their drawing boards. The same workmen who had made automobiles made the tank-killer.

Edward T. Ragsdale, assistant chief engineer of Buick, proved the Hellcat's versatility by putting it through the most thorough tests.

The government on Jan. 28, 1943, ordered quantity production of the tank destroyers; the first Hellcat rolled off the assembly line in July, 1943, and the production rate rose to several hundred a month. All the Allies have put in requests for the Hellcats.

THE fact is this nation may have gotten its war propaganda too much mixed up with its permanent peace hopes. The thought which has been constantly before us is that the nazis must be exterminated and the German people held in check forever to keep the peace of the world. This is enough of a goal to win this war, but not enough to prevent the next one or win it if it comes to us.

How much more may be needed is evident behind the final reports of the Dumbarton Oaks deliberations before publication of the agreement. Our people, and presumably also Britain, wanted to prevent any of the big five United Nations (France is eventually to come into the big four) which becomes involved in a war-threatening controversy from voting on whether to take action against an aggressor. They wanted an objective and judicial decision by uninterested parties. But Russia objected.

THE mere fact that this controversy arose, bringing the extensive ramifications which have been aired in news accounts of the conference, points to the possibility that the future peace of the world does not rest alone on keeping Germany on her back—or Japan.

If there are now no ambitious men among the United Nations, who can say when one will not arise? Who can say when national policies will not change? There may be far more post-war trouble from this possible source of internal dissension among present war friends, who will wind up this war with the powers of the world, than from Germany and Japan, flat on their backs, and to be kept there by continuing our resolution to keep them there, as well as by any dismemberment formula.

These are the real considerations, the inner reasons, behind the rejection of the Morgenthau formula and the trouble at Dumbarton.

THE crushing of Germany and Japan is one objective. The keeping of the future peace of the world is another. It speaks the fact that many official authorities here are com-

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Four new forest fires were reported today by state division of forestry officials to be raging in brush and timber lands in Calaveras county east of San Andreas. "A few" new fires were reported in Shasta county, but officials hoped to control them today.

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Which Shall It Be?



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BALLOT**



AND RETURN IT TO
THE MAIL TRIBUNE

I Intend to Vote For—

Governor Dewey

President Roosevelt

Signed

Address

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 28—The inner debate on the Morgenthau peace proposal has been advertised as a struggle of a harsh versus a soft peace, but it was hardly that. The plan of the treasury secretary to deindustrialize Germany as well as demilitarize her was harsh enough. It is

true the purpose was to crush her completely so she could never rise again.

But no one around the cabinet circle in which the fight revolved wants to be particularly light on the nazis. The plan was resisted by State Secretary Hull and War Secretary Stimson for another reason. It was a reason good enough to warrant them fighting even the Roosevelt okey which Morgenthau secured before presenting the idea.

Big Business coined more cash in this war than anything in history. Big Business is the Dad of all wars. It controls most of the press, radio and pulpit. Probably you know what John Swinton said about the average newspaper writer years ago. Well, the leopard has not changed his spot, and in this line anyway, "them's my sentiments."

Wall Street would not take a dime for either of these old political parties. One has the job the other wants the job, is all the difference there is in them.

C. C. Harper,
Box 213, Talent, Ore.

New Resident Wants Change

To the editor: I just want to send a few words of praise to the editor of "Dewey Hits Back."

It is terrific and as satisfying with its punch and sincerity as Dewey's own speeches.

Being a new resident of your lovely city with its wealth of sunshine, hunting, fishing and beautiful mountain scenery, have often wondered who the people of Medford favored in the campaign.

I guess the Tribune knows the pulse of its city and should be proud of this well written editorial. I am sending several to Portland friends and ardent admirers of Dewey, and I am sure were as embarrassed as I Saturday night, lest our enemies hear such childish prattle.

Mrs. Max Luschnier
908 West 4th, Medford

WEATHER

Northern California—Clear today, tonight and Friday except fog along coast and in lower coastal valleys mornings. Cooler central interior today with cooling extending inland Friday.

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

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Read the other day where some folks have put up \$100,000 to establish a bureau to combat intolerance and prejudice.

Reckon we all agree that that's a mighty worthy cause. But I wonder if tolerance, like so many other things, doesn't begin at home.

You take a family where Ma objects to hubby's smoking in the parlor; and Pa can't stand his wife's hats; and they both yell at Sis for liking to listen to swing music—and you've got the seeds of trouble! Trouble

that spreads to intolerance among neighbors, and intolerance among nations.

From where I sit, you can put your faith in the family that lives and lets live—where Pa enjoys his smoke and maybe a mellow glass of beer or two; and Ma wears funny looking hats and likes 'em; and Sis grows up as healthfully full of spirits as a child should be.

Joe Marsh

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