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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Vice President, who despite what happened to him at the Hannegan-shenannigan in Chicago, continues to be a glutton for political punishment, and gay and semi-idiotic notions. He has seen the Fourth Term candidate play poker "for small stakes" and therefore, well qualified to deal with the other allied chiefs. There is nothing in the record to indicate that Premiers Churchill or Stalin, or anybody else, in the presence of Gov. Dewey, will kick any aces off the bottom of the diplomatic deck with their little finger.

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"One local family has found a way to induce daughter to hang up her clothes instead of stepping out of them and leaving them lying on the floor. The family bought a pup."—(Great Bend (Kan) Tribune) — Tip for mothers.

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It must have been a sight for the sore eyes of the peoples of conquered lands to behold the German civilians of Aachen, come squawking in terror to American lines no longer arrogant and bullheaded and "Heiling' Hitler. As one war correspondent noted: 'They must have been the same people who cheered when they saw the movies of refugees fleeing before the conquering Wermacht in Poland, France and Greece."

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The bird hunting season opened with the traditional bang, in the pleasant autumn meadows, and the neat and modern kitchens of the Older Girls, who balked at their men cleaning C. Pheasants and quail in their kitchen sinks.

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Gov. Bricker of Ohio made a great impression in his brief stop here. He bears a slight resemblance to Bill Brown of the E. Ft. Browns, and has the same colored hair.

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"LOST—One subscriber. Reason: This paper isn't supporting FDR." —(Siskiyou (Cal) News) —The campaign gets routh.

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A 16-year-old boy won the state Four-H club cooking contest from seven girl finalists. The press associations in their reports, for all their boasts of hell-roaring efficiency in covering the news, failed to reveal who washed the dishes afterwards.

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DON'T BELIEVE IT

(Household Hint)

"The size of a handbag and how it is carried has something to do with camouflage, very often cutting the figure and detracting from plump curves. This has been one of the reasons for the popularity of the shoulder strap bag, which has a tendency to add height."

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Berlin now admits the death of Field Marshal Edwin Rommel. He was listed as one of the 'good' Germans, and is now a better one. He did not belong to the Prussian military set, and often disgusted that clique by a tendency to forget himselw and act and look human.

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YE ED. PUTS FOOT DOWN

"We do not know how often we shall have to state that we will not give space to obituary poetry. Nearly every death that occurs in this neighborhood stirs in some one the divine efflatus and forthwith they insult clean, white paper with the veriest rot, devoid of sense devoid of measure, and imperfect of rhyme. We will not willingly be a party to taking advantage of the dead. Once more we reiterate we will not publish obituary poetry. We do not want it, and respectfully request that it be not sent to this office."—(The Dalles Chronicle, 50 Yrs. Ago Col.)

LIKES BABIES

Boston (U.P.)—When Seaman Frank Cocchi heard a baby crying in a locked automobile, he smashed the car's window, salvaged a milk bottle from the back seat, and played nursemaid for an hour until the infant's mother returned.

The N. Y. Times Decision

After considering the matter pro and con for many weeks the New York Times has finally come out for the re-election of President Roosevelt.

We realize what rejoicing this will cause in Democratic headquarters in New York City and what gloom will spread over the Republican headquarters in the same metropolis.

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BUT following up the comments in this department of yesterday, we doubt if this 11th hour decision by the Times, influential as that paper is, will effect the result in New York state very materially, one way or the other.

In the same way we would doubt if the Oregon Journal had delayed its decision for F. D. R. until four weeks before election, that decision would have changed the result materially in this state.

In fact there are many similarities between this New York Times decision and the Oregon Journal decision to-wit:

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THROUGH the years both papers have been predominately Democratic. So other things being equal Democratic support should be expected. Both papers, four years ago, however, opposed a third term and supported Wendell Willkie. Both papers now return to their true love—the Democratic fold, but with many reservations.

The Journal was particularly critical of Roosevelt's domestic policies, even advocating the election of a Republican congress to nullify his 1944-1948 program, in case F. D. R. should win.

The Times, naturally, refuses to stultify itself to that extent, but it does make the war and the Roosevelt foreign policy, its sole justification for advocating a 4th term when it opposed a third one. And it withdraws none of its criticisms of Roosevelt's domestic policies, which have continued in its columns for nearly 8 consecutive years!

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NOT only do we believe a vast majority of voters in New York state have already made up their minds as to the ticket they will support, and the Times switch can not effect them, but we also believe a "yes and no" endorsement such as the paper now gives, will with a great many of the voters, tend more to confuse than to convince. This will be especially true with the war so nearly over in Europe and progressing so favorably in the Far East. Why, many will ask, should the Times favor 4 more years for Roosevelt when in all likihood a majority of those years will be devoted to policies and practices which the Times dislikes and condemns?

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NEVERTHELESS, from the standpoint of public opinion and partly morale, and "talking points" for New Deal broadcasters, this switch of the New York Times will be very beneficial, giving the administration table thumpers a considerable boost and discouraging Republican campaigners considerably, especially those of New York state and the Atlantic seaboard.

Four years ago, however, the New York Times gave the same boost to Mr. Willkie and the Republican party—and where did the latter get the following November?

The Times' support may well prove to be no more effective this year.

How About Newspapers?

There are two schools of thought regarding newspapers and politics.

One greatly overestimates their influence, the other, largely confined to radical left-wingers, greatly underestimates it.

The truth, as so often remarked, lies about midway between.

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AS pointed out yesterday, as far as newspaper editorials are concerned, their influence has declined greatly in the past 50 years. The chief reason is editorial readers have become more independent, more enlightened, more discriminating.

The American people as a whole no longer go to newspapers for their opinions, readymade, as was true in the days of Greeley and Dana, but for information upon which to base their own opinions.

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ON the other hand, because candidates for public office, like William Randolph Hearst in New York City with overwhelming newspaper support, has never been able to get to first base politically, while candidates like Franklin Delano Roosevelt always opposed by a majority of the press, has broken all American records for political success, it has become fashionable especially in the ultra-liberal ranks to poohpooh newspaper support, and maintain they are all controlled by Wall Street and the money interests anyway, and in this enlightened age, their support nine times out of ten, is a liability rather than an asset.

This view, needless to say, is a lot of unadulterated whangdoodle, composed largely of wishful thinking and silly prejudice.

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THE American press may be this, that or the other thing, but where there is one newspaper which may be influenced by the so-called big-money interests; there are literally thousands, large, medium and small, which are not influenced by anything, but their honest, independent and public-spirited judgment.

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IF that were not true, newspapers would have been thrown out of the American economy, years ago, for as the wise Mr. Abraham Lincoln once remarked, "you can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but not All the people ALL the time."

And practically speaking all Americans today read newspapers!

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 16—Labor's anguish at failing to get another wage increase out of the war labor board has been described as "bitter."

Paul Mallon

It was an ordinary, regulation bitterness—and restrained. Labor Leaders Green and Murray fulminated indignation. No one got shot—and no general strike was called.

Things are not always as they seem. With a presidential election day three weeks away they are apt to become less and less what they seem.

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FOR some weeks prior to the WLB report pleading insufficient data to enable wage action, the best labor reporters were able to write from Washington that the Roosevelt coterie thought another wage increase granted just before election would be too raw. Indeed, what could be gained by it, in the way of votes, and even wages is a secondary consideration to this most vital electoral matter here now.

The C. I. O. is already in Mr. R.'s vest pocket, at least the leaders are. The A. F. of L. is fairly well split, but labor, as such, is counted definitely for Roosevelt. This is not enough to win.

The votes of white-collar workers, business people, farmers and others are those for which he must campaign, the ones he must lure. What better appeal could be made than the decision of WLB?

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MY studied and informed impression is that the wage increase now denied will be granted after the coming election. I, furthermore, have sound and full reason for believing the increase will not be 17 cents an hour in the steel industry (labor never really expected that), but will be around half—probably 7 or 8 cents.

I think the labor leaders dealing with Mr. Roosevelt on the matter have for some weeks expected this delayed conclusion to their plea, whether they obtained their knowledge from a wink and a nod, or a promise.

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ONE superficial phase of the development betrayed some genuine bitterness, but this was possibly a personal rather than a labor matter. The caustic protest of labor's four members on WLB was written by A. F. of L.'s George Meany and signed by the others.

What Mr. Meany thinks of the majority decision against him is only half what he thinks of the board chairman, William H. Davis.

Away back in the John L. Lewis captive mine dispute with the board, Mr. Meany was out of town. An ardent supporter of Lewis, he wanted to vote by telephone, a customary consideration these boards privately grant ordinarily. Davis refused to let Meany record himself and, although the story never got out to the public, Mr. Meany has overlooked no opportunity since then to let his indignation run concerning anything Davis does.

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THE political fakery surfacing the whole affair is, in my opinion, conclusively penetrated and exposed by the failure of the labor members of the board to resign and blow up the whole setup. If they do not get their general wage increase after election, you may be sure this is exactly what they will do. They will mean their indignation then.

So also with the Petrillo demonstration, refusing to accept Mr. Roosevelt's request to allow the two big recording companies to make musical records. Why, Jim Petrillo is one of the closest labor friends Mr. R. has. He enjoys the run of the White House as few do.

For Mr. Roosevelt's re-election he would do anything—even to rejecting a request. Also he would even change his mind just before election, and ingloriously accede if that action could make Mr. Roosevelt any more votes.

This is politics, my friends, not marbles.

NO SIDELINES FOR HIM

Rogers, Ark.—(U.P.)—Kellis Frost served more than 31 years in the Rogers post office and retired recently. But today he was back at work—this time as a railroad telegrapher. "There are just too many jobs that need filling," he said.

SENDS BACK PRISON GARB

Columbia, S. C.—(U.P.)—Columbia city police were seeking a man who might be dubbed "Most Considerate Jail Breaker of 1944"—an escapee from the city chain gang who spent 38 cents to express his prison garb back to the proper authorities.

BRICKER VISITS "50,001 CLUB"

Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, Republican nominee for vice-president of the United States, is greeted by Governor Earl Snell of Oregon at the Dewey-Bricker "50,001 Club" in Portland on October 12. Pictured with them is Mary Margaret Godfrey, director of the club's publicity. The organization with 36 clubs throughout Oregon derives its name from the number of "write-in" votes given Governor Thomas E. Dewey, now the Republican presidential nominee, in the Oregon preferential primary last spring. Governor Bricker, bringing his campaign for the Republican ticket to the Pacific coast, spoke in eight Oregon cities and towns on October 12 and 13. He made addresses in Portland, Oregon City, Salem, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford.

5,556 GIFT CANS SEALED HERE FOR SOLDIERS ABROAD

Judging from the number of tin cans sealed by the O.S.C. extension office the men and women overseas with our armed forces will be well remembered at Christmas time. Miss Marian Farrell, Jackson county home demonstration agent, reports that 5,556 tin cans have been distributed and sealed since September 5. Of this number 1612 cans contained fruit cakes baked by the Gates Groceteria.

Fruit cakes and candy were the usual gifts, but many took advantage of this opportunity to send special delicacies and homemade favorites to friends and relatives overseas.

According to Miss Farrell, many requests have been made to continue this service so that food sent in answer to requests may be sealed. At the present time no decision has been made as to whether this will be possible. Further announcement will be made if such a service is to be offered in the future. Persons now having cans may bring them in for sealing, it was stated.

It was only through the cooperation of the Bagley Canning company of Ashland in making available extra tin cans that the Extension Service was able to meet the demand.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Oct. 16 —(UP)— Livestock: Cattle, 3000; calves, 650; slow, steady but many cows carrying lower bids. Few hay fed steers $13@13.50; common-medium grassers $12.50; heifers $8@11; canner-cutter cows $4.50@6. Fat dairy type $7@7.50. Good beef cows to $1.50. Medium-good bulls $8@9.25. 300-lb. grass calves $13; heavier weights down to $11. Good-choice vealers salable $13@14.

Hogs, 2400. Active, steady. Good-choice 180-240 lbs. $15.75; heavier weights $15 down. Light lights $14@14.50. Good sows $13.50@13.75. Feeder pigs $13.50@14.

Sheep, 2000. Slow, steady. Good-choice wooled lambs $11.50. Shorn lambs $10.25@11; common-medium $8@10. Medium ewes $2.75. Good ewes salable $3@3.25.

Chicago, Oct. 16 —(UP)—(WFA)— Livestock:

Hogs 9,000. Complete clearance early; good and choice 150-240 lbs. $14.75; heavier hogs and good and choice sows $14.

Cattle, 20,000; calves, 1500. Grass bulls $7.75@9.50 mostly; choice vealers $16 down; top fed steers $18.35, yearlings $18; weighty western grassers to $15.50; 4,000 western grassers in crop, stockers and feeders, mostly $12@13.

Sheep, 6000. No early action on western range lambs or ewes; few good and choice native slaughter lambs $14; some held slightly higher.

Portland Produce

Portland, Oct. 16—(UP)—Wholesale market list:

Live poultry—Buying prices from producers: — Leghorn hens 25½c; stags 13c lb.

Cabbage—$3 crate.

Cauliflower—No. 1 local $1.50 crate.

Eggplant—Local $1.50 flat.

Lettuce—Local 3's No. 1 $3.25@3.50 crate.

Potatoes — Deschutes No. 1 $3.25; Yakima $3.25; Klamath Falls $3.42 cental. No. 2 $1.30 per 50-lb. bag.

Squash — Local Zucchinini 75@90c box.

Tomatoes — California $2.75@3.25 lug.

Turnips — Local $1.25@1.40 dozen bunches.

Apples—Crab apples 3c lb.

Cranberries—McFarlane $7.25@7.60.

Grapes — California — Tokay $3.40; Malagas $3; Concord $1.15@1.25.

Meats—Hogs best butchers 19-20c; vealers 21½c.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Oct. 16—(UP)—Wheat:

Dec.	$1.63½	$1.64⅜	$1.63¼	$1.63⅞
May	1.58⅞	1.59⅝	1.58⅜	1.58⅞
July	1.48⅛	1.48¾	1.47⅞	1.47⅞
Sept.	1.47⅛	1.47½	1.46⅝	1.46⅞

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Dairy market:

Butter—93 score 43, 92 score 42½, 90 score 42¼, 89 score 41¾.

Cheese—Wholesale prices, loaf 27.9, triplets 27.2.

Eggs—Large grade A 54½@53½; medium grade A 46½@47½, small grade A 22½@23½, large grade B 37½@38½.

The Crossley Poll

Civilian Vote in Pivotal States 50% Roosevelt 50% Dewey

By Archibald M. Crossley

Results of the sample of civilian voters in the 23 shiftable states showed the two candidates evenly divided. These pivotal states account for 295 electoral votes out of the 531 for all states, 266—or one more than half—being necessary to elect. In the 25 states unlikely to shift, Roosevelt has 176 electoral votes and Dewey 60.

The Armed Services

These figures do not include the armed services vote, which would make the ratio in pivotal states approximately 51 per cent Roosevelt to 49 per cent Dewey. Estimates based upon data now available indicate that the total United States vote of the armed services will not exceed 4,450,000, for which a United States figure of 62 per cent to 63 per cent Roosevelt appears reasonable in the light of preferences of civilians of similar ages. It is unlikely that the armed services vote will determine the winner in any state which would otherwise go for Roosevelt or for Dewey by a margin of definitely over 51 per cent. The effect of that vote, therefore, is apt to be felt only in a few states where the civilian preference is for Dewey by approximately 50 per cent to approximately 51 per cent. Such states may ultimately include New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Minnesota and Oklahoma.

If the returns on election night indicate that Dewey's civilian figure is running definitely less than 51 per cent in any of these states, he is apt to lose the state. If he is running between 50.5 per cent and 51.5 per cent, it is possible that the winner may not be known until the full armed services vote is counted—perhaps several weeks after election day, depending on the individual state. The electoral votes of the state of Pennsylvania, for example, might conceivably determine the next president. In this state, final count of the armed services vote takes place on November 22. If Dewey should win the civilian vote of this state by 51 per cent, and if the election hinges upon this state, he might not know whether he was elected or defeated until November 22.

Sexes and Age Groups

Roosevelt's hold on the younger voters in the pivotal states seems secure. Those under 30 in the sample are for him by 58 per cent, those 30 or over are for Dewey by 53 per cent. The younger voters not in uniform, of course, are preponderantly women. For all age groups, the women in the pivotal states appear to be very slightly more for Roosevelt than for Dewey.

Living-Standard Levels

The higher living-standard levels in the pivotal states sample are for Dewey by 67 per cent, the middle level also for Dewey by 55 per cent, but the lower groups are for Roosevelt by 57 per cent.

Special Groups

Sixty-one per cent of the Negro votes in these states is given to Roosevelt. In the so-called metropolitan areas of all pivotal-state cities over 50,000 population (which include suburbs, nearby towns and some sections not thickly settled), Roosevelt leads by 54 per cent. In the smaller places and rural areas Dewey leads by 59 per cent.

These analyses are predicated upon what the voters now tell interviewers. What will happen on November 7 depends upon the relative willingness of these groups to go to their voting places on election day. Roosevelt should win if the turnout is light among small towns, rural sections, white-collar and upper living-standard levels and voters over 29, but heavy among large cities, workers and labor organizations—particularly the C. I. O.—and younger voters.

Wall Street

New York, Oct. 16—(U.P.)—Utilities shares extended last week's advance to a further new high since early 1940 but the rest of the stock market today worked moderately lower. Trading was slow.

The power and light section has responded in recent sessions to renewed Wall Street belief that the industry faces a bright postwar future unclouded by the reconversion problems that will have to be solved by American industry generally.

Spurring interest in utility shares generally has been the announcement of a number of refinancing programs by individual companies headed by Commonwealth Edison of Chicago, which next week will sell publicly a new $155,000,000 bond issue.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American Tel. & Tel.	163⅜
Anaconda	27¼
Chrysler	93
Curtiss Wright	5¾
General Electric	38⅝
General Motors	63⅝
Montgomery Ward	52⅜
Penn. R. R.	29⅞
Phillips Petroleum	44
J. C. Penney	108½
Radio	10⅝
Southern Pacific	30⅝
Standard Oil of Cal.	36¼
Texas Gulf Sulphur	34½
Transamerica	9⅛
United Aircrafts	30½
U. S. Rubber	49
U. S. Steel	58

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

SOLDIER'S FRIEND IS SOUGHT BY KIN

The parents of T/Sgt. Gerald A. Devlin, formerly stationed at Camp White and who was killed in action in Italy last month, are making an attempt to locate a friend of the sergeant who lived in Medford when he was stationed at the camp here according to the local Red Cross chapter.

In a letter to the Red Cross Mr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Devlin stated that they would like to contact the girl, known only to them as "Virginia." The only other clue given was the fact that she had worked in a cafe.

Anyone knowing the young woman is asked to call Miss Lillian Roberts at 5919 during office hours or at 2691 after 5 p. m.

The Devlins reside in Laird, Colo.

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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
October 16, 1934
(It Was Tuesday)

Typhoon hits Manila and leaves thousands homeless.

First snow of year appears on high hills.

Col. Lindbergh predicts transoceanic plane flights to come in near future.

Early liberation of Alice Stoll, kidnaped Kentucky woman, predicted. Ransom money amounting to $50,000 paid last week.

Fair and frosty. High 60, low 28 degrees. Coldest night of fall season.

Democrats in county registration gain 421 voters.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
October 16, 1924
(It Was Thursday)

The Shenadoah sails for Seattle from San Diego, and is using the sea route, and will not fly over this city as expected.

Chinese Reds lay waste to Canton.

President Coolidge in address advises foreign-born citizens to be "true to America."

Cloudy, probable rain. High 50, low 46 degrees, precip. .56 of an inch.

Flocks of geese from the north pass over city during the night, and one honker is lost in lights over business district.

Mrs. T. E. Daniels home from a ten days visit in Portland.

Dangers of state workmen's compensation act is told merchants.

Divorce epidemic at Jacksonville continues, with new filings.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
October 16, 1910
(It Was Sunday)

Day and night work on Espee to have it ready for dedication next Saturday.

S. Vilas Beckwith elected president of new University club.

Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion shot and killed by Missouri farmer.

Walter Wellman starts flight across Atlantic in balloon.

MUSIC SOOTHES PATIENTS

Chicago — (U.P.) — Dr. Mitchell S. Corbett, a physician, is a firm believer in the soothing effects of music. He and his assistants treat from 300 to 400 patients a day, many of them industrial cases. Long waits in a doctor's office, he claims, increase the nervous tension of the patient, so he ordered music piped to his office from a service which supplies restaurants and night spots.

GOAT CHEWS CAR

Butler, Pa. — (U.P.) — An irate owner of a convertible coupe sought municipal action against hungry goats. While his car was parked on the street, a goat ate a hole in his canvas roof. Investigating city officials found that local ordinances do prohibit goats on the street.

Comforts
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Here's the modern treatment most young mothers now use to help relieve muscular soreness, congestion and irritation in upper bronchial tubes, and coughing from colds: You just rub Vicks VapoRub on throat, chest and back at bedtime, and right away, VapoRub...
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