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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
China faces a military and political crisis, due to the ousting of Gen. Stilwell, a four-star American hero of proven ability in the Burma campaign. As a result, experts agree China now lacks even a Chinaman's chance.

Japan, the esteemed Bend Bulletin saptly notes, "has 'lost face,' shirt and navy."

The OPA czar announces he will vote for the fourth-term candidate. Approximately ten million older girls, throughout the land, who have been performing mental gymnastics with ration book tickets for two years, plan to kill his vote next Tuesday.

THOSE LOVELY PEOPLE (Oakland (Cal.) Tribune)
"Danish hatred for the nazis is cold and calculated. Eight times in history the large neighbor has overrun the little kingdom. Following the last war the generous people became foster parents of under-nourished German children, caring for them until the youngsters were able to return to the Reich. These same children—grown to manhood—were among the first invading forces."

The fair sex now have something new in war paint, called "Pink Lightning." It should not be confused with chained, unchained, or greased lightning.

"Over 300 guests will be present and it promises to be one of the most suspicious occasions ever held."—(Richmond (Cal.) Independent)—Not even counting the New Deal convention last July in Chicago.

The geese are heading south, honking through the night, by the thousands. The public interest is centered in politicians, whose geese will be cooked at the polls next Tuesday.

The Halloween havoc was light, and not on a pre-war basis. Small boys were at large with soap, with which they assaulted windows. One young and unknown squirt proved a genius. He could reach as high as a tall man, and, write, in the plain, trained hand of a grown-up: "Down With Dewey."

Squaw winter has arrived, and citizens who saved the fuel oil in October, they bought in September, are burning same.

"The weather today is just too utterly too too. Clear, bracing, sunny, with no evidence of rain or storm, except the mud, and that is beneath one."—(50 Yr. Ago Col., The Dalles Chron., Cle)—And, nobody to throw it.

The secretary of war warns the Japs are not defeated yet. However, it will pass as a good imitation of a licking, until a more crushing one comes is administered.

The G. Cleveland Corum twin boys are now 4 years old, and feel as young as they ever did.

VENERABLE VEHICLE
"With most of us wondering how long our automobiles will hold out, a story comes from Washington, D. C., of one motorist who has 'nothing to worry about.' And he hasn't a new car, either. In fact he is riding around in a Model 'T' of the 1913 vintage. But he figures that if his four-cylinder phenomenon has held out this long, it's a cinch to keep going for quite a time to come. He bought the jalopy for \$200, gets 22 miles to the gallon, and buys tires from a mail-order house without ration certificates. Well, not many cars chugging along the road today can show as many service stripes."—(Red Bluff (Cal.) News.)

The salinity of the Dead sea is four to five times greater than ocean water.

What Price China?

The mess in China is a perfect example of the dangers of improper news censorship. If anyone cares to read over the war dispatches from China during the past five years—no one will!—it will be found that until a few months ago they were invariably optimistic. The Japanese were winning practically as they wished, but the news dispatches from Chungking never indicated it.

AMERICAN war correspondents, even the traveling group of U. S. Senators, came back with stories of Chinese disunity, demoralization, and inefficiency. But few people paid any attention to them. Why? Because the same line of hokum continued, namely that Chinese soldiers were among the best in the world; Chinese military leadership unexcelled; and in spite of indescribable hardships and sacrifices, "the flies were defeating the flypaper"—China was demonstrating once more that while she could be beaten in minor engagements, she could never be conquered—the Nipponese were slowly but surely being driven from her soil.

TIME after time the Japanese armies would make sudden forays into the rich rice belts of China, gather all the crops and then retire unmolested. Whereupon all news dispatches from Chungking would proclaim another "great victory" by the gallant forces of Chiang Kai Shek!

So the conviction would be further strengthened in allied countries, that given time the "countless millions" of China, would drive out the "little yellow devils," without any aid whatever from their allies.

WE don't know who was to blame for this sort of censorship, but we do know it existed, and more than any other one factor is responsible we believe for the serious situation in China today.

For had the truth been told from the outset, public opinion in this country and abroad, would have been so aroused long ago that not only more effective aid to China would have been given, but a house cleaning within China would have been brought about.

But when everyone was lulled into a sense of false security by the persistently favorable and optimistic reports from the "Celestial Kingdom" nothing was done until conditions become so extremely critical, the truth could no longer be suppressed or camouflaged.

PRECISELY what relation the recall of General Stilwell has with this "blow up" in China, is not clear, but it is difficult to believe there is no connection whatever. From what we know of "Vinegar Joe" he could do more than anyone else to clarify the situation, and set things to rights in China, if his superiors would give him when he returns a free rein to publicly tell all he knows.

The first thing on the agenda, as we view it, would be to unite China somehow, someway—all China—against the Japs, by eliminating the leadership however high, that now makes such unity impossible, and continues in China what is virtually a state of civil war.

The second would be to secure Russian aid against Japan, as a fighting ally against, not part of the Axis but ALL.

We grant this is easier to say than do, but in spite of the great American victories in the South Pacific, unless this, or something like it, is done, this China incident may eventually come under the heading of "too little and too late" and the war against Japan be needlessly prolonged for many months—even years.

Who Wants Truman?

Who shelved Vice President Wallace for Senator Truman at the Chicago convention? The answer to that question has never been given, and it is too late now in this campaign to expect one.

But it would be interesting to know. For if President Roosevelt is beaten—and the President is going down hill daily as Governor Dewey is coming up—history might declare the selection of the Missouri Senator responsible for it.

YES, if this community is typical of the country as a whole, more and more independent voters are hesitating to mark a ballot for 4 more years of Roosevelt, for fear it might mean putting Senator Truman in the White House.

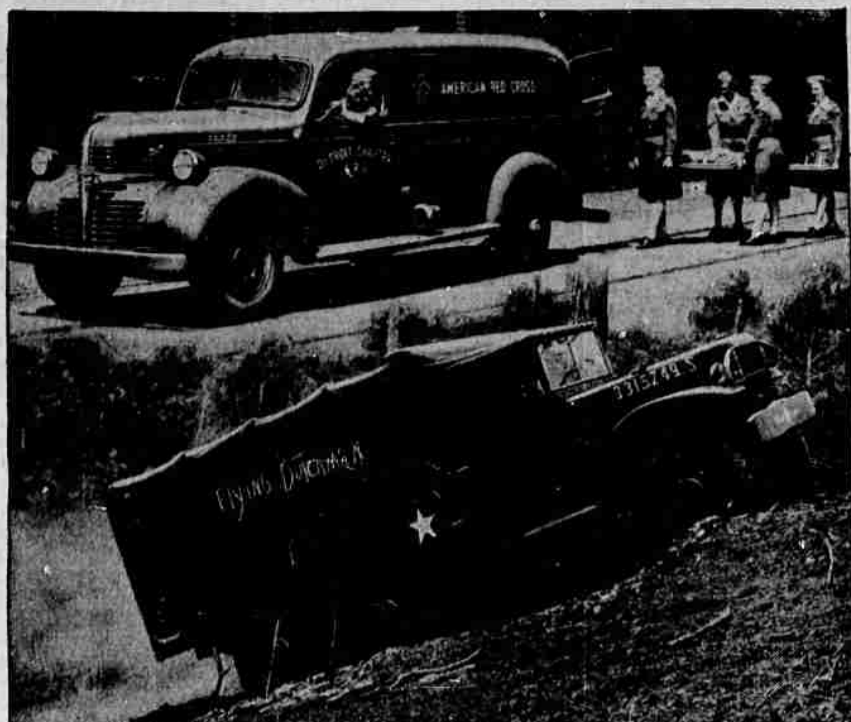
And that they DON'T want! For if ever a promising and rather popular public figure has been completely discredited and deflated that is the case with Senator Harry Truman of Missouri.

Had the head of the Truman committee not been the nominee, and had he not been forced to show his hand and his character by stumping the country from one coast to the other, there would no doubt still be a widespread belief that he was a man of capacity and integrity and resourcefulness, well qualified, in case of necessity, to take over the reins of the government.

But that tour has been one of complete disillusionment as far as the Presidency and Harry Truman are concerned. The man may be entirely sincere and undoubtedly is loyal to the ticket and hardworking; but that he hasn't even a SLIVER of presidential timber in his makeup, has been made completely and convincingly certain!

No, Harry Truman has not got what it takes. He isn't even a second rater but a bad third. Instead of strengthening the Roosevelt ticket he materially weakened it!

Red Cross Girls Drive On Two Fronts



American Red Cross girls drive Dodge-bull Army trucks at home and overseas. Lower photo shows the famous "Flying Dutchman," at a base in England, where the girl drivers are trained for service with U. S. invasion forces in the combat area. In the upper photo, Red Cross girls of Detroit are answering an emergency call to rush an injured war worker to a hospital. This ambulance is used for disaster service by the Motor Corps of the Detroit Chapter.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

The Roosevelt Record

In November, 1932, at Brooklyn Franklin D. Roosevelt made this statement: "The people of America demand a reduction of federal expenditures; it can be accomplished... by abolishing many useless commissions and bureaus now functioning."

And again at Sioux City in September, 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt made the following statement: "I accuse the Hoover administration of being the greatest spending administration in all our history. One which has piled bureau upon bureau, commission upon commission; bureau and bureaucrats have been retained at the expense of the taxpayers."

Let us see what his record is. From 1933 to 1941 he created more than 100 bureaus with 2,200 agencies employing nearly 4,000,000 people. In March, 1933, when he became president, there were eleven (11) million people unemployed (A. F. of L. figures); in 1941 after eight years of New Deal there were still ten (10) million unemployed (A. F. of L. figures). In eight years he got one million men off the unemployed list. Let us see what he spent to accomplish this. The following is a statement of the public debt of the U. S. by years beginning with June 30, 1933 (three months after he became president) and ending June 30, 1941, a period when we were at peace with all the world:

Table showing public debt of the U.S. by years from 1933 to 1941. Columns include year and debt amount in dollars.

This shows an increase in the public debt in eight years of twenty-six and one-half billion dollars and at the end of that period he still had ten million men out of employment. In his recent Chicago speech he said after the war he would have jobs for sixty million unemployed.

Well, in eight years of peace he could find jobs for only one million people, and evidently he took them off the leaf-raking shift and put them on the public payroll; and since that time he has added three million more to his voting nucleus for the present election. It is safe to conclude that two million of them should be plowing corn, but such a diversion would deprive him of two million votes, remember these people on the payroll are paid out of the United States treasury.

O. L. Overmyer, Medford, Nov. 1.

Army Still Sees West Coast Peril

Los Angeles, Nov. 1.—(U.P.)—The army still feels the west coast is in danger of invasion on a small scale, an answer to a relocated Japanese-American dentist's petition for return to California disclosed today. The petition was filed by Dr. George Ochikubo of Oakland, Calif., to force the army to permit his return.

See Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Stock Ranches—Farms Country Homes Our Specialty THOMAS J. HIGHT Broker 200 Holly Theater Bldg. Dial 5397

WOMAN HURT AS AUTO OVERTURNS

Norma Robertson, 625 South Holly, suffered a cut over the left eye which required stitches when an Oldsmobile coach in which she was riding overturned a mile south of Tolo overhead crossing about midnight last night. She was taken to Community hospital.

Hunter Bags Fine Supply Of Winter Meat In Jig Time

It doesn't take Joe Rinard of Thomas Road long to get what he goes after. Disappointed because a contemplated deer hunting trip into eastern Oregon had to be called off, Rinard yesterday decided to pass up the day's work and go out scouting for some winter's meat.

Miss Singer of OPA To Portland Office

Miss Bertha P. Singer, field operations officer for the office of price administration in the southern Oregon territory, is being transferred to the district office at Portland, it was announced today. Miss Singer, who has made her home in Portland for a number of years, will work out of the district office as a price specialist for the state.

Daily Weather Report

Forecast: Partly cloudy and cool tonight with scattered light showers; Thursday, partly cloudy and slightly warmer. Oregon: Partly cloudy with few light showers today; partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Thursday, partly cloudy; slightly warmer Thursday afternoon. Local Data: Temperature a year ago today: Highest 36; lowest 28. Total monthly precipitation 1.54 inches. Excess for the month 13 inches. Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 2.34 inches. Excess for the season 28 inches. Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 69%; 4:30 today 98%. Tomorrow: Sunrise 7:45 a. m.; sunset 6:04 p. m. High Low Prec. Boise 63 44 .28 Boston 57 48 .— Chicago 79 50 .— Denver 69 44 .— Eureka 53 23 .— Havre 68 34 .01 Los Angeles 61 38 .— Medford 67 43 .— Omaha 82 54 .— Portland 61 48 .46 Reno 60 40 .02 Salt Lake 61 47 .04 San Francisco 58 36 .— Seattle 56 40 .43 Spokane 48 34 .31 Washington, D. C. 66 48 .— Yakima 60 40 .02

Pietro d'Abano, Italian astrologer and physician, was born in 1250 and died in 1316.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

November 1, 1934 (It was Thursday) War threat inflames Europe as France and Britain told Germany is bent on conflict. Winston Churchill informs English "Germany is rearming secretly, rapidly and illegally." Saar plebiscite focal point. It is further charged Germany has built up a large reserve of planes.

Bids submitted for Pacific Highway job in Siskiyou to highway commission.

Vigilantes patrol campus at Los Angeles to curb college radicals.

Cloudy and unsettled. High 67, low 47 degrees.

Tire prices jump as makers agree on new program.

CCC enrollees from Chicago arrive by special train.

Halloween vandalism in city worst in years, and much damage results.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

November 1, 1924 (It was Saturday) Eugene and Marshfield districts flooded, with train service cut off, and highways under water.

Klamath Falls hotel operator admits he held up banks on the side.

One of the warmest days in November records, with the mercury at 64, comes to the city. Rain is predicted. High yesterday 55, low 43 degrees.

LaFollette, third party candidate, charges Wall Street is trying to buy election.

Ashland makes plans for winter fair December 7.

City campaign takes on new life. One candidate discovers "a nigger in the financial woodpile," and then "nails a lie" in ad.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

November 1, 1910 (It was Tuesday) Miss May Buchanan wins Mail Tribune auto contest.

Valley Newtowns win first prize at Canadian apple show over Yakima and Wenatchee.

Absentee Ballots Coming In Daily

Absentee ballots from Jackson county residents, employed elsewhere or in the military services, are being received daily by the county clerk's office. They will be placed in the ballot boxes of the precincts from which they registered and counted on election day. Some of the ballots are from overseas but for the most part they are from service people stationed in this country. They are expected to reach their peak in the next five days. More than 1200 absentee ballots were mailed out by the county clerk.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN UP 11 PER CENT

Chicago—(U.P.)—Death claimed 11 per cent more children under 5 years of age in 1943 than in 1942 accidents, the National Safety Council announced in its 1944 edition on "Accident Facts," despite an 18 per cent decrease in auto mileage and additional scientific life-saving drugs available to doctors.

Neglect of children by 1943 Americans at war was to blame according to interpretation of the causes of accidental deaths among children, who suffered the greatest death rate rise in 1943 of all groups.

Burns were responsible for 24 per cent of the accidental deaths of children under 5. Automobile accidents constituted the third most frequent cause for death and drowning the fourth.

Deaths of children in school were up 5 per cent, and deaths in the home rose 7 per cent. Nearly half of the fatal accidents at home took place in the yard or the kitchen, while the

playground or gymnasium claimed the most at school. Half of those on the playground was attributed to "unorganized play."

Traffic deaths, which lead the nation's fatalities for 20 years, fell into second place in 1943, giving falls the lead as the nation's No. 1 cause of accidental deaths. The death toll from falls was 27,400 compared to the 23,400 traffic deaths.

Accidents killed more than 17,000 of America's farm people. Farm work accidents accounted for 4,500 of the fatalities and about 7,500 farm residents were killed by accidents in their homes.

The safety council pointed out that an accident death occurred every five and one-half minutes in 1943, and an injury every three seconds.

Every 16 minutes someone suffered a fatal accident at home and every six and one-half seconds there was a non-fatal accident.

"TESTAMENT KILLER" AWAITING SENTENCE

New York, Nov. 1.—(U.P.)—Lewis Wolfe, Canadian-born textile merchant who courted his second wife in Palestine and killed her in Brooklyn, was convicted of first degree murder today and remanded to prison until Nov. 15 when he will be sentenced to death as required by state law.



"KEEP CORDON ON THE JOB"

Says Former Governor CHARLES A. SPRAGUE

Charles A. Sprague, the man who ran against Senator Cordon in the May primaries wholeheartedly endorses Cordon's candidacy to succeed himself on November 7. By his deeds since being appointed U.S. Senator by Governor Earl Snell, Senator Cordon has won the approval of the whole state.

HEAR CHARLES A. SPRAGUE speaking for U.S. SENATOR GORDON. Statewide Broadcast 8:30 p. m. Nov. 2. Includes a small portrait of Charles A. Sprague.

VOTE FOR U.S. SENATOR GUY CORDON

Pd. Adv. Cordon for Senator Committee, Imperial Hotel, Portland, Ore.

Clear the wires for them from 7 to 10 P.M. Includes a clock face and a portrait of a man in a military-style cap.

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