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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

There is a shortage of cigarettes on the fighting fronts, though providing the combat troops with fags was the original alibi for the shortage on the home front.

"I voted for Dewey with both feet—me and the wife both," a chagrined democrat confessed yes.

The De Valera government in Ireland asked about it by the British, won't say whether or not she will give refuge to Nazi war criminals on the lam.

A Chicago engineer has invented a "robot brake" that will stop an auto, and prevent a head-on collision with another auto, phone pole or pedestrian.

"It is announced that the ingenious Jap has compounded a food for himself of rotten wood. We imagine the other termites will resent that."

A census of the afflictions that have befallen Herr Hitler the past week on the basis of reports from Switzerland, Stockholm, and a "high Nazi source" would reveal he has come down with everything but the measles and poison oak.

JOYS OF JOURNALISM (Allibene (Tex.) News)
"She had been the one-man news staff and radio manager. With us she did general reporting and showed outstanding ability."

A Louisiana congressman has launched a drive for bigger clothes for stout men, on the grounds the OPA must do something about it, or stout people will have to join the nudists.

The fair sex, a stylist reports, are fond of blue shades for their hats and gowns, "and experts constantly strive for new tints of blue. They have run the gamut." They have missed one.

FREIGHT LOADS DROP
Washington, Nov. 16.—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended November 11 dropped 53,844 cars to 839,469 cars, the fewest in more than two months, the Association of American Railroads disclosed today.

"The Voice Of America"

Mr. William M. Jeffers, president of the Union Pacific Railroad, has called the Political Action Committee of the Congress of Industrial Organizations "a pernicious innovation that has literally snaked its way into American politics and in its active malignancy eats the very vital life of our freedom."

"Look who's talking," it will say. "The head of a great corporation, an employer and a boss."

But American labor knows how he got to be all those things. It knows he represents the particularly vital factor in American life which makes it possible for any American working man starting from economic and social "scratch" to aspire to such things, and for the most competent, industrious and intelligent to attain them.

For Bill Jeffers was a "working man" long before he was a railroad president, and kept on being one in the philosophy that guides and rules him.

He has been a union man all his life, not for window-dressing but because he believes in labor unions and the good they are capable of accomplishing for workers and for America as a whole.

"No Political Action Committee or any group or individual is going to tell me or any up-headed American in this country how he is going to vote or what he is going to think," says Bill Jeffers.

Where did he get that philosophy? Not out of the presidency of the Union Pacific Railroad, as every railroad man in the United States knows.

He had it as a water boy on a railroad section gang, learned it from the men like him who worked with him.

"If the sorry days should ever come when nefarious schemes like this succeed, then on that day the disintegration of American labor unions starts and democracy begins to crumble."

"There is not enough money in the world to compensate for regimentation of Americans, loss of freedom and opportunity, class hatred, prejudice or intolerance."

That is not a railroad president talking, as the Political Action Committee will ultimately learn.

It is an EXCELLENT editorial. And with the general theme of freedom in American voting—and freedom everywhere else for that matter—the Mail Tribune agrees 100%.

But we can't agree with the editorial—or with Mr. Jeffers—that "the Political Action Committee of the Congress of Industrial Organizations" is per se a "pernicious innovation that has literally snaked its way into American politics and in its active malignancy eats the very vital life of our freedom."

WHY HAVEN'T the members of the C.I.O.—or the members of any other labor union—just as much right to form a committee for political action as the members of the Manufacturers Association of America, or the United States Chamber of Commerce, or the League of Women Voters?

We fail to see any. In fact in opposing such a movement we can see nothing but a denial of the perfect freedom of political action that the above editorial is so eager to sustain.

WE are not considering whether such a movement is DESIRABLE—expedient—from the standpoint of organized labor and its future. It may well prove as disastrous from that standpoint, as Mr. Jeffers predicts, and as the late Samuel Gompers believed.

But we ARE considering it from the standpoint of the RIGHT of a labor organization—ANY labor organization, or any other American organization—taking a positive action in American politics, if a majority of its members so desire.

In fact we think as a general principle, the more active we become as a people in politics, the better for ourselves politically and the better for the country.

So instead of trying to forbid the C.I.O. or any labor union or any other organization from forming a political action committee (if the members so desire) we would favor giving them all free rein; not trying to nullify their efforts by any PROHIBITION but by fighting fire with fire, meeting political action in this particular field, with similar political action in other fields.

In short the remedy in this particular case as we see it is not urging less political organization and action, but MORE.

Civic Music Membership

In these days of boogie-woogie, jive and swing it is refreshing to see the people of this community take such a healthy interest in the Civic Music Association's current membership campaign.

GOOD music of the masters, on the other hand, is something that will live forever, and enriches the lives of all who cultivate an appreciation of it.

That is why we wish to also remind those who haven't joined the Civic Music Association that memberships are now available,—and this coming Saturday will be the last opportunity to secure them.—H.G.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 16.—The tempo of coming action upon matters of such urgent concern during the campaign—so urgent in fact as to raise the hair on many a voter's head—is apt to be much slower than generally supposed.



secretary Stettinius already has said nothing much can be done about new negotiations until after the first of the year.

Since then there has been talk of the top men getting together, and some news on that matter is likely to develop shortly.

But the schedule seems to provide negotiations through the winter and announcement of final agreement in the spring—either just before or after the time Mr. Churchill told the British he expected the war to be over.

THE "one-tenth" of disagreement at Dumbarton Oaks, by the very delay in reaching a settlement, is assuming larger proportions, which verifies the observation carried on this column at the time that the proportion on "nine-tenth agreement" as officially announced, must have been measured by a yardstick on the words of the text, rather than the fundamental importance of the matter.

While public discussion has centered around means of holding down Germany and Japan forever, it is apparent that the peace of the supposedly new world into which we are coming will depend mainly upon the practices and relations of the victorious nations, the ones which have the arms.

That point of how to handle disputes in which the United Nations become involved was the one upon which disagreement came at Dumbarton—"the one-tenth." Until the additional words are continued on this subject the text really is nine-tenths unfinished.

THIS and other practical matters of the peace now are likely to be discussed in a more realistic way here, now that the campaign is over. This does not, of course, apply to official discussion, which will be limited by the administration's desire to keep congress from opening the subject while the negotiations are in progress.

There are other equally important related phases for any realistic discussion of the subject, for instance the armament question—not from an issue of isolationism or internationalism, but on how to keep a just and durable peace.

This war, as you may have read in this spot before, grew out of secret armaments. If Britain or France knew what Hitler had stacked up underground at home in the way of assaulting weapons, they, as the originally superior powers, might have stopped him in time, with or without an international peace force, with or without a league.

Indeed, the crisis of the war turned on secret weapons. If Hitler had known what Russia had, he would have never invaded and lost the war.

The earlier Russo-Finnish war made the whole world believe even "poor little Finland," as she was then known when we were taking up collections for her, could throw off the Russian army which was universally supposed to be inferior—and Hitler's secret police had no better information.

THE question of control of armaments, therefore, in all reality would seem to have as much to do with the question of peace, war and self defense as any other point.

A formula for satisfactory inspection of armaments of every nation may be difficult to reach, in view of the historic policy of Russia.

These are important non-political matters, less advertised in current popular discussions and on a somewhat more realistic basis than the campaign arguments, but likely to slow down the tempo of coming action.

PUZZLES OVER DATE
Greeley, Colo. (U.P.)—Time and streets got mixed up for a Fort Warren, Wyo., GI who recently visited here. The soldier could not remember whether he had a date for 8 o'clock on Ninth street, or for 9 o'clock on Eighth street.

DIPHTHERIA DEATH BRINGS PLEA FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Following the death of a child from diphtheria, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, today urged parents to immunize their small children against this disease.

"This is the first case of diphtheria reported in Jackson county during 1944," the officer states. "The case, a four-year-old child, terminated in death."

"It is recommended that all children should receive the diphtheria immunization before they reach their first birthday."

Two cases of mumps, one in Rogue River and one in Talent, and two cases of trench mouth, both at Camp White, were also reported to Dr. Merkel last week.

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

Another Good Fire Season
To the Editor: Again we have reached the end of a fire season with very little damage to the forest resources of the state.

When light rains cooled the air in midsummer during each of the four preceding seasons, skeptics of our Keep Green programs were quick to attribute reduced fire damage to that factor alone.

In going about the state, one cannot escape the impression that the enthusiasm for the Keep Oregon Green program is real and sincere.

On behalf of the executive committee of Keep Oregon Green and the state board of forestry, I want to extend to you our sincere appreciation.

Shady Cove
Shady Cove, Nov. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn and two children were in this vicinity recently. The Duns moved from here to Gold Hill last September.

Ensl Myers and family are now living in Shady Cove, after spending the summer on the coast.

Alvin Conover and Charlie Winkle spent the week at their mountain ranch above Battle Falls, gathering their cattle which they have brought out here for the winter. They were assisted by Emil Zimmerlee.

Orvis Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Johnson, received word to report for induction into the navy on November 16.

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SHIP REACHES KOBE WITH PW SUPPLIES
Tokyo radio announced Wednesday that the Hakasata Maru had arrived Saturday at Kobe from Nakhodka, a Russian port, laden with 2000 tons of relief supplies for American war prisoners and internees in Japanese hands.

Sadao Iguchi of the Japanese Imperial Board of Information, told foreign press correspondents that the goods would be distributed in Japan, China, and the southern regions "as soon as possible."

"Kansas City to Los Angeles for a Dollar" was advertised one day in the railroad price-war of 1888.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Ed Carey Talks (Thanksgiving) Turkey

Bert Childers hails Ed Carey on his back porch. "What you doin', Ed?" he asks.

"Pluckin' our Thanksgiving turkey," Ed replies.

"Looks like a chicken to me," says Bert. "Looks like one to me, too," Ed allows. "But with so many turkeys goin' to our fightin' men, some chickens got to do a turkey-size job."

Guess that's the way Thanksgiving is going to be in a lot of homes this year. We'll be sitting down to rationed foods and substitutes—and being mighty glad about it!... knowing that the best is going to our men overseas.

And from where I sit, the most important thing of all isn't rationed. That's the Spirit of Thanksgiving! Today—as the lights are going on again all over the world—there's more of it than ever! And more cause for it—as the powers of darkness yield to freedom, tolerance, and human kindness!

Joe Marsh

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Sea Commander



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SOLDIER TRIED FOR ABUSE OF CAMP PRISONER

Lincoln, Nebr., Nov. 16.—(U.P.)—Staff Sgt. Odus West, on trial before a court martial at Lincoln army air base on charges of "unnecessary abuse" of prisoners, once forced a soldier prisoner to run in front of a jeep traveling 12 miles an hour, according to testimony by Mrs. Carrie Robson, Lincoln.

Mrs. Robson, a civilian truck driver at the motor pool at the air base, testified yesterday that she witnessed the jeep chasing incident which infuriated her so that she tried to force the jeep off the road with her truck.

Palmer, who was held in the guardhouse because he previously had escaped custody and was apprehended by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Kansas City, was one of eight soldiers West was accused of abusing between April and July of this year.

Tax payments for the period ending November 15, the final day for granting a 3 per cent discount for full year payments, were extremely heavy, Sheriff Syd I. Brown said today.

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ASHLAND WILL VOTE ON \$170,000 BOND ISSUE FOR WATER SYSTEM

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