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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Gen. Eisenhower calls for more machine gun and rifle bullets to subdue the Nazi fanatics, defending the "sacred soil" of the Reich. Lead is being poured into the foe four times faster than expected, so the need is urgent. The lead pellets will arrive with more speed and certainty, than the millions of cigarettes, donated and shipped to the GI's over the war months, —or else.

It's getting along toward the time of the year when the smart-er Old Girls, in the midst of Christmas knitting and what have you, stop suddenly to wonder where they are going to get a 1945 calendar.

It was nice of Sidney Hillman, national chairman of the NCPAC, to announce the organization henceforth, "would clear everything with the people." It seems the people, con-valescing from their election daze better than expected, have started bristling to do some clearing of their own in the 1946 elections. Hence the "soft soap" flowing full and free so early.

PIONEER DELINQUENCY
 (The Dallas Chronicle)
 "There seems to be an epidemic of horse robbing in this state. With horses \$5 a dozen, one would think the chances of going to the penitentiary for 75 cents worth of 'hoss,' would deter even the worst thief from taking them, but it didn't. Our own private opinion is that a man convicted of stealing a horse now should be sent not to the penitentiary but to the asylum."—(50 yrs. ago col.)

Over his fruit house, G. Green has erected an ornamental sign, featuring a "Blue Goose" that as yet has not been shot by an ardent hunter.

The British report the discovery of an eight-year-old boy, who is a combination mathematical genius, Prof. Einstein and Quiz Kid under one hat. He astounded Old World scientists, and his mother, by concocting a formula for the destruction of V-bombs, that works. The formula involved five different brands of arithmetic. Since the young man is so smart, he should be matched with a simplified income tax blank.

It must be slightly bore some for the reading public to note in many of the dispatches from the European and Oriental fronts, mention of the "fanatic zeal in battle" of the Nazis and the Japs. Then, the news reels and picture pages reveal the enemy has considerable "fanatic zeal" about surrendering. And, in the prison pens the same sources further show considerable "fanatic zeal," mixed with joy, at their own capture. Nobody, including the foe, likes to die.

IT SEEMS NOT
 (Jefferson, Ore., Review)
 "We recently overheard a group of boys discussing the election — about who was elected president, whom their parents voted for, etc. One little boy asked: 'What do they call people who aren't 'democrats?' That really floored us! My gosh, haven't the kids ever heard of Republicans?"

The jackrabbit population of the county is multiplying. Due to the ammunition shortage few hunters will waste a shot on "Bunny", and with only four gallons of gasoline per week allowed, there are not enough speeders on rural roads to make crossing same, a hazard for rabbits.

Secretary Hull Resigns

The resignation of Secretary of State Hull should cause no surprise. The Secretary has passed the traditional three-score-and-ten mark, is far from well, and deserves a well-earned rest.

The usual complimentary things will be said of course by Mr. Roosevelt and other members of the New Deal Inner Circle, but the truth is there has been considerable friction between the White House and the Secretary of State's office the past few years, and Mr. Hull's retirement will really be welcomed and with a considerable feeling of relief.

MR. Hull has never been a New Dealer at heart. He has opposed many of Mr. Roosevelt's pet schemes in the past, not openly of course, but he has been a considerable influence for conservative action among his old cronies in the House.

Far more interesting from a news angle than Mr. Hull's resignation will be the man President Roosevelt names to succeed him.

For over a decade the radicals and New Dealers have tried to "get Cordell", and other conservatives in the state department. The effort was particularly intense at the time of the invasion of North Africa, when Mr. Hull's conciliatory attitude toward the Vichy government was so strongly resented. In retrospect however it is now plain that the refusal to break with Petain and Darlan prematurely, was sound statesmanship and good sense.

There will be strong pressure to put a strong Liberal in Secretary Hull's place, Vice President Wallace for example, or Ambassador Wynant.

If the President believes in turning to the left at once the choice very likely will be Henry Wallace; if not then it may be ex-Senator Byrnes or even the Under-Secretary Edward Stettinus, himself.

Bill White On Russia

It is hard to forecast what the post-war world will be like but one thing seems reasonably certain, to-wit: Soviet Russia will be master of Europe.

In view of the above fact, the more "we the people" know about Russia—the better for all concerned. For whether we like it or don't, we will have to deal with the Kremlin regarding European affairs for many years to come and unless we know Russia, and understand her, such negotiations can hardly,—from either viewpoint,—be a success.

W. L. White, editor of the Emporia (Kansas) Gazette, succeeding his late and famous father William Allen White, has recently returned from Russia where he accompanied Mr. Eric Johnston, of Spokane, President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce who was invited personally by Stalin, for a heart-to-heart talk.

Young Bill is a chip off the old block,—intelligent, independent, with a very cogent and charming newspaper style, so one is not surprised to learn he has written a book,—or perhaps more accurately published his diary of this journey,—excerpts of which occupy several pages in the current Readers Digest.

We hope everyone who can will read this article and those succeeding it. For here, we believe, will be obtained one of the most accurate pictures of Soviet Russia, that has recently been offered, not as its propagandists or its enemies claim it to be, but as it actually is,—TODAY.

YOUNG Bill's first impressions of Moscow were not particularly favorable. It took him over a week to figure out just what was wrong and then he realized it was the absence of all competition.

The down-town sections of the Russian capital, for example, were terribly dreary and unattractive, with poor lighting, no attractive window displays, poorly clad and dispirited people wandering about.

But with no competition, with everything rationed and regimented, with no private owners and therefore no inducement to make a store attractive what could one expect? And what complete government ownership and control had not done, the war had accomplished.

THE party also visited the factory districts and while the Russian development industrially has been sensational, Mr. Johnston himself a manufacturer, found much to be desired from the standpoint of American skill and output; while Young Bill's comments though not authoritative from any technical standpoint, do give a very graphic picture of the Russian production line, as it now exists.

WITH a presidential election approaching in America the young author also contrasts similar procedures in Russia, where popular elections are also held, which he declares resemble "ours in many respects."

But there are also differences, to-wit:
 Only one political party is permitted, so usually only one name appears on the ballot. This one party also controls both the newspapers and the radio. If anyone vigorously attacks a candidate officially endorsed by his party, he is liable to be arrested for treason, and hustled off to a prison camp under a 10-year sentence at hard labor.
 So much for Russian democracy!

BUT the comments are not all critical,—far from it,—and in subsequent articles the many accomplishments and virtues of Soviet Russia, will no doubt be given even more prominence.

All in all, we are convinced these articles and the subsequent book will do more to clear the atmosphere regarding Russia and do more to put Americans straight regarding precisely what Russia under Stalin is and isn't, than anything that has been published for a very long time.

The reason being Young Bill sees clearly, reports honestly and thinks straight!

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
 November 28, 1934
 (It was Monday)

Fire destroys retail yard and office of Timber Products company at loss of \$75,000.

Senate strong for bonus payments to veterans, Roosevelt advised.

Everett Faber is new president of Kiwanis club.

Roxy Ann grange to dedicate new hall.

Democrats in state legislature deadlocked over senate president.

Food canned last season for local relief needs totals 100 tons.

Cloudy. High 52, low 30 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 November 26, 1924
 (It was Wednesday)

Nation to observe Thanksgiving tomorrow. The turkey price was low due to a large number of birds.

Fair. High 50, low 26 degrees.

Anti-saloon urges ouster of all rum runners from federal jobs.

Frank Perl arrives home for Thanksgiving vacation from O. A. C.

Next week will be prune week.

Zeppelin mail service across Atlantic urged.

Christmas seal sales to start tomorrow.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
 TODAY
 November 26, 1910
 (It was Saturday)

Citizens warned by health officer to discontinue use of well water.

General rain storm continues over county, with country roads impassable.

CORRESPONDENT IN LOST B-29

New Delhi, Nov. 27.—(U.P.)—John J. Andrew, United Press war correspondent, was listed officially as "missing" today after a recent B-29 Superfortress raid by the 20th bomber command.

Censorship permitted only the statement that the plane on which Andrew was aboard had been lost in flight.

He was discharged honorably as a permanently disabled United States navy midshipman with malaria. Before coming here he worked in the Springfield, Chicago, and New York bureaus of the United Press.

GIRLS ASKED TO GIVE UP WEARING OF SLACKS

Grants Pass, Ore., Nov. 27.—(U.P.)—The girls who attend the Williams grade school near here were asked by their teachers today to give up the idea of wearing slacks, and to take up the idea of wearing stockings.

The teachers asked the mothers of the children to meet with them and learn first hand why they asked that girls attending the school abandon slacks and adopt stockings.

Army air forces combat cameramen on bombing missions have shot down three Messerschmitts, one Focke-Wulf and three Zeros, and accounted for a Japanese tanker, according to the war department.

Confucius in China, Buddha in India, and Zoroaster in Persia, all lived in the sixth century, B. C.



LUXURIOUS—This beautiful Russian sable in three-quarter length, with full flowing sleeves and intertwining loops of fur made a big hit with the ladies recently on the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria. The coat was richly lined and was one of the most admired garments seen on the Roof.



DR. WASSSELL VISITS WAR PLANT—On tour of nation's leading war plants, Dr. Corydon M. Wassell (right), Commander of Medical Corps, USNR, hero of evacuation of Java, shakes hands with Supervisor Alice Cody in Long Island factory where combat winter jackets are made. Donald Donovan looks on.



WHISTLE GAL—Virginia Mayo is Bob Hope's leading lady in a new Goldwyn film, "The Princess and the Pirate." But that's not all. Virginia has been voted "The Girl Most Likely to be Whistled at in 1945." After giving her the once over it looks as if the swells critter deserves the title.

RECONVERSION IS BIGGEST PROBLEM

Salem, Ore., Nov. 27.—(U.P.)—Biggest post war problem confronting this nation, in the opinion of Governor Harry F. Kelly of Michigan, is that of reconverting industry to a peacetime basis and the employment of the millions of men and women released from war jobs and military service.

Governor and Mrs. Kelly arrived in Salem Sunday afternoon for a two-day visit with Governor and Mrs. Earl Snell while on a vacation tour of the Pacific coast, "relaxing after a strenuous political campaign" in which the Michigan governor was re-elected to his second term.

EX-CONVICT CONFESSES KILLING TO GET MONEY

Reno, Nev., Nov. 27.—(U.P.)—Robert Flindt, 38, was found slain early Sunday and Ladell Mackay, 24-year-old Toole, Utah admitted ex-convict, told police he beat up the victim and robbed him of between \$200 and \$250 so he could "do a bit of gambling and eat" District Attorney Melvin Jepson said today.

Jepson said Mackay admitted serving a term in the Utah state prison for first degree burglary prior to his entry into the army. It was the fourth slaying in Reno since Sept. 16 and the second within a month.

To stop the recoil of an army ordnance 16-inch gun takes the same resistance as would be needed to bring a 60-car freight train traveling at 60 miles an hour to a halt in the space of six feet.

Former German Columnist Has Remedy For War Desire



Bella Fromm

After the war German people should be made to live as the people of the occupied countries were made to live in an effort to show the rank and file of the Germans the horrors of the war they inflicted on other nations according to Bella Fromm, German-born American citizen in Medford today in the interest of the motion picture "The Master Race," booked to show here soon. Miss Fromm urges every one to see the movie in order that they may better understand the Germans.

While Miss Fromm does not wish repetition of any acts of barbarism, she does believe that Germans should be made to support armies of occupation, that hostages should be taken if any men of these armies are injured or killed, that the Germans should be "made to starve a little" and that labor battalions should be made up and taken into Poland, Greece and other countries, that were occupied and these battalions should be made to aid with the reconstruction of the ravished countries. Unless the German viewpoint is changed and unless the armies of occupation completely stamp out nazism, the nazis will go underground and pan-Germanism will survive and build up

to another war in a few years, which they will win, Miss Fromm believes.

Armies of occupation should not be from any one country, but from all the allied nations and one of the first moves should be public admission by the German army and its leading generals that the war was lost and lost fairly by superior military strength and not because "the communists betrayed us" as was claimed in the last war, Miss Fromm believes.

The visitor, member of an old Bavarian family who for years had access to the highest German diplomatic and aristocratic circles, declares that the allied peoples "will be fools" if they take anything but the sternest measures in dealing with post-war Germany.

Miss Fromm believes that Hitler is still alive and in his right mind but is now overshadowed by Himmler. Before fleeing from Nazi Germany, Miss Fromm was employed as a writer and columnist by the Ullstein chain of newspapers and magazines, which she states was at its height about three times the size of the Hearst chain.

The visitor spoke at the high school this morning and will speak at the Craterian theater this evening.



ARMY NURSES IN ACTION—Lt. Jean Harder (left) and Lt. Nora Homelvig, U. S. Army nurses, bandage a casualty on Leyte Island. They are members of First Army nurse unit to land in Philippines 10 days after Gen. MacArthur's troops did their "comeback."

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