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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The OWI with a certain amount of scary shyness, warns the nation Tokyo will be hard for B-29s to destroy, inasmuch as it has quake-resisting buildings.

One of the Older Girls reports, while en route to a bridge party soot, she had the honor of slipping on a banana peeling. She maintained her equilibrium and could hardly believe her eyes as it was the first clue to a banana she had encountered since Pearl Harbor.

"A wealthy philanthropist says it is hard to give away a million dollars. We've found it impossible!"—(Astoria Astorian-Budget).—Same here!

The B. Tornado journeys to the metropolis and tangles with LaGrande for the state title come Sat. Several citizens fear they will be called to Portland on business, and gosh! how they dread it!

A pair of teen-age, bobby-soxer gals have been nabbed and jailed for holding up a Spokane taxi driver with a pistol. This is what happens when parents fail to feloniously assault their progeny with the not necessarily fatal side of a hair-brush when needed.

THE MUFFLED KNOCK

(Press Dispatch)

"This new publicity puts my husband in the most awful position," Mrs. Wodehouse said. "Everybody will imagine he has been doing propaganda for the Germans, when the fact is he is absolutely loyal. His only fault, perhaps, is stupidity."

The first 1945 calendar reveals next year will have two Fridays the 13th. One comes in April, the other in July.

The administration announces a "broadened social plan" and "hopes for a tax increase". Under natural law, the broader an object gets, the flatter it becomes.

"Most of us don't try to provide for the future. We figure the future has done nothing for us, so why should we look after it?"—(Kansas City Times).—And the chances are it won't amount to much anyway.

Cheering word comes the lemon shortage—not the human variety—will end soon. In the excitement of the nation running out of everything it always had too much of, it was not generally realized, there was a lemon shortage.

SMALL WORLD ITEM

"The New Yorker magazine is to New York city folks what The Triplicate is to the denizens of Del Norte county—not exactly their Bible—but the publication they really swear by—more often swear at—so the following article under the 'Our Far-Flung Correspondents' department of the New Yorker magazine titled, 'First Bomb' was undoubtedly read by millions in the eastern metropolis and every word taken for the gospel truth. Anyway, Stewart Holbrook, the far-flung correspondent, who wrote the story, makes it an interesting tale."—(Del Norte (Cal.) Triplicate).

Vox Populi, Vox Stalin

Mrs. Packard well known U. S. war correspondent has been "INVITED" to leave Yugoslavia. Her offense, it seems, was calling attention to the fact that in Belgrade nearly every store window displays portraits of Tito and Stalin but none of Churchill and Roosevelt.

Mrs. Packard didn't like it. She thought the Anglo-American contribution to the liberation of Yugoslavia, should be given some recognition, instead of everything going to the Communists. A Natural reaction no doubt. But rather too bad Mrs. Packard gave expression to it—assuming she would have liked to remain in Belgrade.

For there is one thing in the realm of Communism that CAN'T be done—can't be done that is if one wishes to preserve freedom of action and health, to wit: Directly or indirectly criticize the Dictator of all the Soviets. This is the unforgivable sin wherever the red flag waves, and it has waved in Yugoslavia ever since Tito took over.

Take Greece, Bulgaria, Rumania, Italy, Poland, Denmark, Norway and even France—they all have one thing in common, the strongest and best organized political group invariably are the Communists. They may be small in numbers, but they not only know exactly what they want, they are working night and day to attain it.

And unless all signs fail it will not be long before the world will clearly see that more than any other political minority in existence they are willing to fight and die for their political beliefs.

WELL, what are their political beliefs? They vary in different countries, but they all have this in common: A dictatorship of the proletariat—a totalitarian form of government dominated by the masses—the workers.

And that brethren is the world revolution you have heard so much about—the war against Germany and Japan may prove historically speaking merely a superficial manifestation of it.

The "World Revolution"

By the way, in that list above, we left out the most striking example of all—China. The war is going badly in China and for one outstanding reason—China is not only fighting with her back to the wall against Japan, but is torn asunder by the above-mentioned world revolution.

In fact Brooks Atkinson, war correspondent of the New York Times, who has been in China many months and made a careful study of the internal situation in that country recently declared: "Chiang Kai-Shek, it seems, is more concerned with maintaining his political supremacy than in driving the Japanese out of China."

AND that supremacy consists almost entirely in putting down and keeping down the Chinese Communists who control northwest China. In other words, the war in China is going so badly because the social revolution which in Europe, is generally following the war, in China preceded it—instead of coming after victory it threatens to delay victory!

What Will the Reds Do?

Speaking of Communists what do the Reds expect to accomplish in this country during the next four years? This department would like very much to know their secret plans for that they have such plans is certain.

As is true in Europe their numbers are small, but there is nothing small about their hopes and ambitions—nor their fanatical devotion to their ideology.

BUT what can they do? True they supported President Roosevelt in the recent campaign, but they can expect no favors for he publicly repudiated them. Sydney Hillman however did not. In fact Sydney openly supported them in their effort to gain control of the American Labor party in Manhattan which achievement contributed materially to the great Roosevelt victory in America's Empire State.

So Sydney DOES owe Comrade Browder something. And needless to add President Roosevelt owes Sydney and his P.A.C. a great deal. Well—we shall see what we shall see from now until 1948, we venture to say it will all be very interesting!

Very Much to the Right

The Reds, Pinks and Fellow-Travelers however, will get no solace from the appointment of Edward Stettinius to succeed Cordell Hull as Secretary of State. No starry-eyed dreamer or political revolutionist is the former chairman-of-the-board of U. S. Steel, ex-director of General Motors corporation, graduate of "the gentleman's college par excellence" the University of Virginia and plutocratic Pomfret!

NO indeed! Mr. Stettinius is wealthy, able, ambitious, and realistic; a member of the Hull school of diplomacy

as opposed to that of Summer Welles or Don Quixote Wallace. As long as he handles our foreign affairs, the Reds in this country or abroad can expect no encouragement.

President Roosevelt turned sharply to the right in this appointment. How will he turn when—as predicted—Madam Perkins steps out and the Department of Labor post will be vacant?

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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Washington, Nov. 28—Where are the cigarettes? This year the country is producing the second largest tobacco crop in all its history. Last year it produced the biggest. The figure for this year will be 1,072,000,000 pounds of flue-cure, the type used in cigarettes.

THE government, you know, has had restrictions not only on the growing of tobacco but on the amount to be released to the cigarette manufacturers. At the start of the year, it announced it would give the makers for American cigarette production only 482,000,000 pounds, then in August it upped this figure to 578,000,000, in September to 624,000,000, and finally, in October, to 668,000,000.

Within this situation I think, is the basic cause of the difficulty. A flurry of excuses are being offered on every side, but this one gets at the heart of the problem. True, cigarettes are not made out of current tobacco. The leaf is aged generally from two to three years, sometimes more.

Obviously, our managed economy in tobacco has not worked any better than is noticeable in other farm and industrial lines. Indeed, the commerce department bureau of foreign statistics more than a year ago was able to forecast the precise shortage situation which has now developed, and the prophecy was based largely on the factors above described.

Obviously, not enough tobacco was permitted to be grown three or four years ago to take care of the tremendous demand from Britain, which has constantly increased from year to year and the war increase in our own consumption.

AFTER this explanation, most of the others you see offered on every side have authentic secondary application. Our people are smoking much more due to war strain and swollen pocketbooks.

Men at the front smoke more probably than they did at home. Their shortage situation, however, probably will be cleared up shortly. We shipped a sufficient quantity of cigarettes to take care of the demand to the United Kingdom distribution centers.

Whether we can get ours is doubtful. The reserve supply of the tobacco companies is low. They are supposed to have already eaten into their normal two to three-year reserves and thus abandoned to a considerable extent their aging process, which may account for the fact that cigarettes taste different lately.

NO one knows much about conditions in the industry. There have been rumors that the companies have been running 24 hours a day, but these have not been verified. Whether the utmost production of their machines is maintained cannot now be said assuredly.

There are reports also that some of the large companies are holding back, and continuing to adhere to their aging process in order to extend their supply as far as possible.

Yet there are officials here who will tell you civilians will not find any real improvement in the cigarette situation before the end of the war.

Perhaps black market hoarding can be stopped, and an equitable distribution system arranged for whatever production we can muster. If this is done, some improvement in conditions is possible. If some of the commodity credit corporation's buying for Britain is released, it also might help.

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 27, 1934 (It Was Tuesday) Nazi factions in Germany near open break, and army and police operate under an emergency clause.

Medford football team to leave tomorrow for Thanksgiving game in Portland.

Japan seeking aid in ending 5-5-3 sea pact.

Fair and freezing. High 42, low 36 degrees.

Sale of Christmas seals starts tomorrow.

American Legion post plans community Christmas tree.

CCC camps to feast Thanksgiving on 900 turkeys.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY November 27, 1924 (It Was Thursday) Rogue River valley flour mill on South Front destroyed by fire of unknown origin; loss \$25,000.

Desertions from Navy show increase.

President will read annual message December 3.

Fair. High 52, low 25.5 degrees.

Italian troops conquer Tripoli revolters.

Central Point purchases new chemical fire engine.

Coyote chase held in Sams Valley last Sunday is huge success.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY November 27, 1910 (It Was Sunday) Department of Agriculture to establish experiment station in valley.

Downpour continues over valley, with end not in sight.

Home Secretary Winston Churchill and King of England fuses, and King administers rebuke.

Catholic Readers Declare Bob Hope Least Christian

Chicago, Nov. 27—(U.P.)—Novena Notes, magazine of our sorrowful Mother Novena, said today that a national poll conducted by the publication revealed radio and film star Bob Hope as the comedian who "most consistently violates" Christian principles.

The Catholic weekly, published here by the Servite Fathers with the Rev. Terence A. Seery, O. S. M., as editor, made no editorial comment concerning the announcement but merely said that Hope had received 89 per cent of the balloting in this category.

The balloting, the magazine said, revealed that Fibber McGee and Molly rated as "the radio comedians who most consistently respect Christian principles." Fibber and Molly received 74 per cent of the vote in this category, with Fred Allen, Jack Benny and Edgar Bergen also mentioned.

Rubber Stockpile Under Safe Level Is Baruch Warning

Washington, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—The nation's reserve stockpile of crude rubber has dropped below the 100,000 ton safety level fixed by Presidential Adviser Bernard M. Baruch, it was learned today.

WPB officials said the stockpile already was below 80,000 and may be down to 78,000 by the end of 1945 if the present rate of consumption continues.

Meanwhile, the combined Raw Materials Board warned that consumption of natural rubber is exceeding imports and called for drastic consideration measures in all United Nations. It said the deficit was caused largely by production slumps in the rubber growing countries still accessible to the Allies.

The board pointed out that synthetic rubber is inadequate for many purposes.

DEER BOTHER CITY White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Deer have become so numerous in Westchester county, adjacent to New York City, that the Board of Supervisors today appealed to the state legislature for an open season, saying the animals constitute "a real and substantial menace, hazard and danger to life and property."

LET HIM HAVE IT



Paul F. Berdanier—United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

Olive Barber's Observations



Folk behavior: Because demand is greater than supply, a new courtesy among clerks has developed. When competition was keen, clerks often tried to sell an article to a customer against the customer's better judgment. Now that the clerks know they'll sell the article in any case, they not infrequently advise the would-be purchaser against buying. It pleased me the other day, to hear a clerk say to a woman who was trying to find a becoming hat, "Well, we've tried them all and I can see you are no more satisfied than I. Why don't you try the store down the street. They carry a larger line of hats than we do."

Waiting in line at the post office to mail a package, the wait was lengthened because a boy brought a package which was poorly wrapped. It was being sent over seas to his brother in service. The woman at the window exclaimed over the awkward wrapping, then raised the window grill, took the package and rewrapped it herself. Though the waiting line was long, I saw no looks of irritation. Every one in the line seemed interested in the rewrapping of the package. And again it came to me as it so often does that we're pretty fine folk.

I didn't see the following incident but a friend did and told me of it. The meter system is used here for parking cars. If the car isn't moved, or another nickel deposited when the time limit is reached, the one guilty of over-parking is given a ticket to appear at the city hall. He is then fined a dollar.

My friend happened to be near a car the other day when a little woman rushed out of a store and to her car. She had parked overtime and she knew it. She was poorly clad, as were the four children waiting for her in the car. When she saw her parking time had been extended, she exclaimed over this and spoke about it to the children. "Oh," said a miss aged 7 or so, "a nice man came along and talked to us. He looked at the meter, then put some money in it. Then he went away."

Little incidents like the above seem especially dear during these times when "men's inhumanity to man" is a constant and increasing horror.

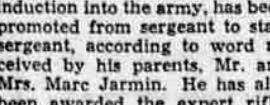
Marc Jarmin Given Promotion In Rank

Marc Jarmin, Medford high school graduate and student at Oregon State college before his induction into the army, has been promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Jarmin. He has also been awarded the expert rifleman medal.

Sgt. Jarmin is teaching Browning automatic at Camp Swift, Texas.

VITAMIN BREAKFAST

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8TH ARMY FORCE CROSSES LAMONE

Rome, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Eighth army forces, attempting to cut the Faenza-Bologna highway and trap Germans inside Faenza, crossed the Lamone river in driving rain storms north and south of the city and were reported closing in today for battles with enemy troops holding high ground beyond the stream.

All enemy resistance along the east bank of the Lamone river south of Faenza was cleared as Indian troops of the Fifth army advanced through heavy mine fields to occupy three important heights northwest of Modigliana.

Eighth army troops extended their positions north and south of Faenza east of the river. German troops counterattacked Fifth army positions south of Bologna but were repulsed. In one attempt the Germans drove a flock of sheep into the American lines and attempted to follow the animals.

ASHLAND MEN PLANNING SUMMER HOME COLONY

Ashland, Nov. 28 (U.P.)—A summer-home colony on upper Neil creek, above the Blair Granite Quarry site, will be established, according to an announcement of four local men, W. D. Whittle, Earl T. Newbery, H. R. Morris and Guy T. Applegate.

The quartet has purchased acreage in that area and each will construct a summer home there. Later they may sell other homesites.

NATIONAL LOTTERY URGED FOR BONDS

Washington, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Sen. Robert R. Reynolds, D. N. C., today introduced a resolution providing for the establishment of a special joint five-man committee to investigate means of establishing and operating a national lottery to stimulate the sale of war bonds and otherwise increase U. S. treasury revenue.

Two members of the committee would be appointed from the senate, two from the house, and one from the treasury department. Reynolds also introduced a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting congress from levying income, inheritance and gift taxes at a rate in excess of 25 per cent of the total income or property involved.

Lack of Lemons Due To Demand By Flu Victims

Washington, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Your grocer may have "no lemons today" sign but don't blame this latest shortage on the October hurricane which blitzed the Florida citrus crop.

The agriculture department today cited last year's influenza epidemic as the villain in the case. "Flu" and cold victims drank so much hot lemonade and lemon juice that little of the fruit went into storage and growers harvested their lemons before they reached full size in order to take advantage of good prices. The department pointed out that practically all commercial lemons are grown in California.

The heavy medicinal use has shown up now when storage supplies are low and harvest of the new crop is just starting, the department said. It promised that lemons from the "good sized" 1944 harvest will appear on the market by mid-December.

TOO MANY HEADS

Sacramento, Nov. 28—(U.P.)—Walter F. Dexter, superintendent of public instruction, told a governor's council meeting today that 300 to 500 administrative units instead of 3,300 now in existence would be able to operate the schools of California.

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