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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A "social revolution" now

seethes in Greece, but there is

nothing "social" about it. The

E. A. M. is chasing the Elias,

and the British are chasing

both. The leading "social" ac-

tivities comprise an open battle

in the streets of Athens, with

a general strike and civil war

threatened. In the sister nation

of Yugoslavia, things are far

from sisterly. The government,

headed by Mилоje Smiljanich,

representing King Peter, eating

his lunch, was confronted by

Josip Smodlaka, foreign minis-

ter for Marshal Tito, on a social

call. The next day Foreign Min-

ister Smodlaka called again

with 35 soldiers bearing tommy-

guns. They looked at the tom-

my-guns and departed. Thus a

Chicago "St. Valentine's Day"

gang massacre in a palace, in-

stead of a warehouse was avert-

ed.

In the face of statistics, the

notion persists in the Eugene

district, the No Name cham-

ions, the Eugene Axemen,

could have given either the

Black Tornado or the La Grande

squad "a run for their money"

for the state football title. North

Bend defeated Eugene 19 to 6;

Grants Pass defeated North

Bend 13 to 0, and the Black

Tornado under wraps, mauled

Grants Pass 41 to 0. Further-

more, Coquille smacked North

Bend 25 to 6, and Medford

squashed Coquille 34 to 14. It

all adds up to this: On a fast

turf field, La Grande or Med-

ford would have brewed a score

against Eugene, about as close

as the earth is to Saturn.

THE WALL FLOWER

(Honolulu Star-Bulletin)

"A. V. Munoz, accountant

for the V. S. Galang and other

stores, is one of Honolulu's

pioneer Filipino businessmen.

At a party last Sunday he was

the center of interest because

the girls asked him for

dances, most of which he re-

fused. A. V. is full of home-

spun humor."

The German people are also

mystified by the mystery of Der

Fuehrer, what he is doing and

where. They are puzzled by it

all, like the American people

about what happened at Pearl

Harbor.

The Yanks are now fighting

in the Saar, and crossing the

Roor. The Nazis are Saar and

do they Roer.

The Spanish have produced a

train able to negotiate a curve

at 80 mph. The inventors had

better luck than a long line of

speed idiots at Main and Oak-

dale.

Three or four federal bureaus

have fearlessly announced their

intentions to find out where the

cigarettes have gone, if any

place. They will probably look

every place but in the ware-

houses, where they are stored.

While tracking down the villain,

they might throw some light on

why all the while there has

been a feast on mentholated

fags and a famine of the real

thing.

Juveniles are now down with

the measles. All will soon be

over, what has been all over

them. It keeps them out of

school and gives them more

time to worry about Santa

Claus.

Allied soldiers on the German

front are now battling knee deep

in "a sea of mud", highly reim-

iniscent of the late campaign, and

a few in Jackson county.

Housewives will have to sal-

vage 230,000,000 pounds of fat

in 1944 to meet the quota need-

ed for industrial purposes, a

goal far in excess of the 90,000,

000 pounds salvaged in 1943.

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Tomorrow Pearl Harbor Day

Tomorrow is Pearl Harbor day, the day this country was forced into World War No. 2 by that sneak Jap attack on the U. S. fleet in Hawaii.

Three years have passed since then, and still no one knows exactly what happened on that fatal 7th of December.

And now the present administration maintains that for reasons of military security, no one should know until the war is over.

APPARENTLY in a belated effort to mitigate the wrong thus done General Short and Admiral Kimmel, by instituting court martial proceedings against these two men, and then never calling them to trial; it is now declared in effect, a court martial should never have been ordered, for no one should really be held personally responsible for this disaster but the Japs.

All of which makes a worse mess out of what was a pretty raw one to start with.

ONE of two things should be done. The Roosevelt administration should either withdraw the court martial order entirely, admit officially it should never have been ordered and return Messers Kimmel and Short to active service with appropriate apologies or—

The court martial ordered, should be held AT ONCE, all the cards laid on the table by both sides and the entire matter cleared up once and for all.

And this should be done not only in justice to the two officers, but in justice to the Roosevelt administration.

FOR until such action IS taken, there will not only be a widespread belief throughout the country that Admiral Kimmel and General Short were criminally negligent in failing to properly prepare for that Japanese attack; but that the Roosevelt administration was equally, if not more, negligent, in its failure to properly inform the Pearl Harbor command, and issue the proper warning and instructions.

In trying to quash the entire matter at this late date, the present administration in our judgment is making a serious mistake, from which not only Messers Short and Kimmel but the administration itself eventually will suffer.

Buy That War Bond!

What is this 6th war loan anyway?

To hear some of the comments one might conclude Uncle Sam was passing the hat—asking for contributions.

It isn't that at all. No one is asked to contribute a dime. Nor is anyone asked to give anything away.

All that is asked is a loan—the use of the individual's surplus cash for a certain period, at the end of which it will all be returned and interest added to it.

No better investment from the standpoint of both security and return could be imagined. In every brokers appraisalment government bonds are ranked at the very top. There is no reason to doubt, the way this war is going, they will continue to be.

So what is the delay about?

If you have any surplus cash—and nearly everyone has these days—the place to put that cash, not only for the benefit of your country but for your own selfish benefit, is in some type of war bonds.

So get busy before it is too late. This 6th War Loan doesn't represent a duty, it represents an opportunity, YOUR opportunity, not only to serve your country but to make a sure and certain profit.

"Viva Roosevelt!"

According to press dispatches Greek mobs paraded before the American Embassy in Athens yesterday shouting:

"Long Live Roosevelt! Let us choose our own government!"

In Greece the members of these mobs are known as "national liberation leftists."

They are the Greek radicals—the bolsheviks—and the present "civil war" in Greece is due to the fact they want to keep their arms and ammunition, form their own government and kick out the British-supported Papandreuos government.

With the British army in control it is doubtful if they can accomplish this—but here is where we climb out on a limb again, with a prediction to shoot at, to-wit:

Eventually these "leftists" will control Greece, and Brother Papandreuos will be kicked out very much as the Bolsheviks in Russia followed the Mensheviks and a gentleman by the name of Kerensky was forced to flee for his life. It is the fundamental political pattern of post-war Europe.

According To Plan

Yes, it is interesting to see this same political pattern develop wherever this war in Europe has stopped—the world revolution within the global war, making its appearance the moment the shooting ends.

What is now going on in Greece, has also gone on in a less violent and dramatic fashion in France, in Italy and in Belgium.

Is it merely what the movies term "coincidental?" Or is it organic, an inevitable sequence of this world cataclysm, which at heart is a surging upward of the masses, to gain greater control over their own destinies?

IN THIS department's belief it is definitely NOT the first. But it would not be so definitely and clearly the second, were not a world organization centered at Moscow, behind it.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 6. — Swift moving daily news from the German front tells of villages continuously taken or rivers crossed—only rarely of a loss of ground by us.

This buoyant information belouds from the general public an appreciation of the fact that after months of the hardest kind of effort (since early September) we are today only 10 to 12 miles inside Germany in the Aachen area, and only a mile or two inside with our deepest penetration in the south (Saar). We are just up to or barely into the Siegfried line of German defense.



Paul Mallon

THE professional soldiers have taken over leadership in nazidom and are playing with extraordinary skill their desperate suicidal game of delaying us near the border until spring. Inside Germany they are ardently drilling the old men and 15-year-old boys procured by their last-ditch levies upon the people.

This show is being run by Rundstedt, a crafty Prussian general. Wherever Hitler (Sick, insane, dead) is he is not directing this savage skilled defense which has turned the very nature of the war. To give you an example how it goes (from detailed reports of the fighting now available here), Gen. Patton could not get at the German defenses until the Metz forts were captured, as mountains up to 3000 feet protect either side. He picked one to take first, named Drant, five miles south of Metz.

Our gallant attacking force, under cover of artillery fire, got up the hill into the moat, took one corner of the fort. We poured fuel oil down the vents, set fire to them. Flame throwers blistered the interior of every gun mount. Both sides used grenades, bazookas, machine guns and we used dynamite and 1000-pound bombs for ten days and ten nights. Then we had to withdraw and wait for more power to be gathered. The nazis had a road down the other side of the hill, poured in each night to take the place of all we killed during the day. Not until the overwhelming power came was Patton able to capture these initial outposts of the German defense system.

OUR original scheme for German conquest was skillfully conceived at the Dutch salient. With the most spectacular air operation in history, we sent more than 10,000 men in 1000 gliders and transports from 25 airfields in Britain to get the Maastricht bridgehead with its 4-lane concrete highway into northern Germany. That was last September 17. We have not taken it yet.

All the world now knows our other two air-borne divisions could not get up to Arnheim on the four-lane road to open the route for supplies, and only 2000 of the furthest men escaped. Otherwise we would have ridden down that four-lane road into northern Germany, deployed our tanks beyond the defenses and might today be in Berlin.

The Germans have troops, too—remember that. The bulk of their Baltic armies got out by water. They even got their men out of Finland. The Russians have taken some prisoners in the last three months, but no armies.

BY these means, the nazis have successfully turned the war into a tree-to-tree, house-to-house struggle which history may account the most bitterly contested campaign of all time.

We are accumulating more and more power—a tank possibly for every machine gun, five men for every one (our landings have certainly placed over 3,000,000 men on the western end of the continent already) to big-gun, outman and dynamite our way through. This is certainly the time to buy bonds.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ACCIDENT VICTIM SET

Funeral services for the late Delwin O. Hurley, who was killed in a fall from a truck in the Valley View area Monday afternoon, will be held from the Methodist church in Talent Friday at 10 a. m.

Litwiller's Funeral Home of Ashland is in charge of arrangements and interment will be in Stearns cemetery.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Special Correspondence) — The usual last minute jam of legislation has arrived in the House. Adjournment of the session is tentatively planned for week after next. That leaves some 10 working days unless sessions are called for the two Saturdays. All bills still pending when the 18th Congress ends will be dead. Most such bills will be reintroduced in the new Congress which technically is scheduled to convene January 3, 1945, but all will have to be put through the complete legislative process again no matter how far they may have progressed during this Congress.

A BILL I introduced (H. R. 1088) which is for the purpose of settling the dispute between the Interior Department and the Department of Agriculture regarding jurisdiction over some 460,000 acres of land which lie within the external boundaries of the O & C land grant, was reported favorably this week by the House Public Lands Committee. I am hopeful that it can be acted upon before adjournment.

In addition to settling the long standing dispute, this bill provides for the elimination of the troublesome checkerboard pattern of ownership in the O & C grant. Furthermore, we included a paragraph in the bill which gives the same rights with respect to minerals in the disputed lands as exist with respect to other lands in the public domain.

I hope during the next session of Congress to secure the passage of a bill which will give similar mineral rights on all O & C lands. I introduced such a bill some time ago. Largely due to the fact that hearings on the bill could not be held in the West this year, the bill has not yet been reported out by our committee. It seems advisable to have testimony on the subject from those most concerned. When they are able to state for the record at a formal hearing why the relief provided in the bill is necessary, we can develop a case that will impress the committee favorably, I am sure. Meanwhile, if the O & C bill just reported is passed, proper mineral rights will have been established on at least that much of the O & C lands.

TUESDAY, December 5th, we are scheduled to consider the bill which will prevent the upping of the social security tax rate. It is commonly referred to as the bill to "freeze" the social security tax rate.

There may be some misunderstanding regarding this proposal. The proposed "freeze" will have no effect at all upon the benefit payments made under the social security law. It merely has to do with the tax levied.

The facts seem to indicate rather clearly that there is no necessity to double the amounts now collected from all employees and all employers for the social security fund. The fund already built up is now 28 1/2 times the amount annually paid out in benefits. Statistics made on the basis of life insurance formulas indicate that the present rate could be continued for ten years if necessary without damage to the reserve. The increase from one per cent to two per cent, if it is not stopped by Act of Congress, will be nothing more than a straight gross income tax of one per cent on all wages—IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES NOW BEING PAID. The money will be paid in under the name of the social security fund, but it will

be used by the Treasury just about the same as any other tax revenue.

The social security fund is purely an entry on the books. The money is spent as fast as it comes in. What happens is that government bonds are purchased with the funds as they are received. Interest at a rate of 2.18 per cent is paid. It is all an elaborate bookkeeping transaction apparently designed for the sole purpose of collecting more tax money without the people realizing that they are being taxed.

It is reported that, if Congress passes legislation to freeze the rate at one per cent for the ensuing year, the President will veto it. There is some discussion of "lacking" it onto the extension of the War Powers Act—which, of course, the President could not veto. It remains to be seen whether or not this will be done in the Senate.

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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

December 6, 1934 (It Was Thursday) Yugoslavia expels 27,000 Hungarians, League of Nation is informed.

Stuart & Sons of this city are low bidders on road contracts in Coos and Douglas counties.

Russia executes 66 persons for assassination of Soviet leader.

Fair. High 49, low 38 degrees.

Candle light sale of Humane society opens.

Census of Oregon babies to be taken by government.

Council takes first step on sewage disposal plant project.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 6, 1924 (It Was Saturday) Gov. Pierce's private secretary sued for alienation of affections, resigns post.

Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Oregon Trunk line may merge to avoid building of extensions in eastern Oregon.

Unsettled. High 54, low 34, degrees. Rain .33 of an inch.

Wet weather delays plowing in Table Rock district.

Central Point to have winter lyceum course.

Rogue River votes to obtain water at Grants Pass.

Tokyo mass meeting protests against American navy maneuvers in Pacific.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

December 6, 1910 (It Was Monday) Prof. Irving E. Vainling of Ashland leaves for New York.

Plan harbor at Crescent City, with railroad from Grants Pass.

Secretary of Treasury reports 784,414,860 needed to run gov-

ernment next year. Democratic senator to "oppose federal extravagance and pork-barrel rule."

Poor Digestion? Headachy? Sour or Upset? Tired-Listless?

Do you feel headachy and upset due to poorly digested food? To feel cheerful and happy again your food must be digested properly.