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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

One of the ace commentators now argues "Germany is beyond punishment." Even if it does hurt the United Nations more than it does Germany, the nation with a mania for starting world wars, should be marched to the international woodshed, for what she has coming. Russia is favored to wield the rod. She would spare it not, and do a rough but thorough job.

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Fala, the White House dog, is reported sick. He may be having a jealous fit over Col. Roosevelt's hound grabbing the headlines most of last week. Hot dogs!

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Salem dispatches the past week revealed the statesmen assembled in the legislature were engaged in the enactment of "practical jokes." This gives rise to the hope, in due course of time, the august body will cut out the jokes, and just be practical.

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"STATE OF THE UNION"
(Oregonian)

"Sixth ave. parade: Three-chinned lady shipyard worker with greasy clothes. So fat she propels herself by kicking her legs outsideways and lurching her bustle ahead with a jerk at each step. Helmet she wears has her name on it: 'Helen.' And under that, 'Fooey on Dewey.'—(B. Moyes Col.)

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Yesterday was a bright and sunny day. It caused farmers to rejoice, and talk about how they would like to be plowing.

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A high percentage of juvenile delinquency, (of which there is no shortage), is due to the automobile, welfare workers claim. This is surprising. Most of the cars are older than their drivers, and should know better.

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The Duchess of Windsor is at the bottom of the list of the world's best dressed women. She is down to her last 500 gowns, and a truckload of neck wrinkle eradicator.

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PIONEER SPIRIT
(Heppner, Ore., News)

"She did not know the way to her sister's home so went into the ladies lounge at the bus station and there found women and children sleeping on the tile floor. At first she was taken aback by the sight but decided she would try it also, so laid down some newspapers. Having checked her purse she had not a care so slept there the balance of the night."

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Klamath Falls, one of the many hearts of the lumber industry, had its wood fuel shortage eased by shipments from Redmond and Eugene. This is taking "coal to Newcastle," and then building the fire for them.

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G. Childers last week lost a hat and overcoat. Police theorize this is a plot to drive him into a Nudist camp.

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SCHOOLROOM CZARINAS

"Lift your hat reverently, says the Rural World, when you pass the teacher of a primary school. She is the great angel of the world. She takes the bantling fresh from the home nest, full of pouts and passions—an ungovernable little pest, whose own mother honestly admits that she sends him to school to get rid of him. The lady who knows her business takes a whole carload of these anarchists, one of whom single-handed and alone, is more than a match for his parents, and at once puts them in the way of being useful and upright citizens. At what expense of toil, patience and soul weariness! Lift your hat to her!"—(50 Yrs. Col. The Dalles Chronicle).

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Not So Fast

Once more it's all over but the shouting.

With the allies again on the offensive, Russia going through Silesia and East Prussia like a knife through cheese, while Hungary surrenders, it looks like "war's-end" before Ground Hog day.

And of course that may happen,—this war of surprises may well end suddenly when the experts least expect it.

But better not bank on it, boys and girls.

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RUSSIA has prepared for six months for this drive on Berlin, and the Kremlin declares nothing can stop the Slavic hordes.

But six months ago that same declaration was made in London, when our forces were chasing the Germans out of France, after nearly two years preparation.

When the Rhine was in sight, however, the picture suddenly changed and hasn't been the same picture since.

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NOW it might be well to watch the Oder river on Germany's eastern border. If the Russians are not stopped there, then the war in Europe is over,—but wait until the Oder has been passed!

Whatever's "Red" is Right

"We seek no territory, we covet no oil fields, we demand no bases for the forces of the air or of the sea. We do not set ourselves up in rivalry or bigness with any other community in the world. We have given and shall continue to give everything we have. We ask nothing in return except that consideration and respect which is our due . . .

"I repulse those calumnies wherever they come from, that Britain and the British empire are selfish, power greedy and land greedy, and obsessed by dark schemes of European intrigue or colonial expansion."

"We have but one principle about the liberated countries or the repentant satellite countries which we strive for according to the best of our ability and resources. Here is the principle:

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people set up on a basis of free universal suffrage, and elections with secrecy of ballot and no intimidations."

What is the Communist answer to that clear-cut and unequivocal statement by the Prime Minister of the British empire?

Is he a liar and a hypocrite, or is he telling the truth?

If he is telling the truth then what is wrong with Churchill's policies in Greece, Italy, the Balkans and what have you?

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WE know pretty well what the Left Wing answer will be,—something like this:

"A lot of sanctimonious cant! No one is accusing Britain of being land-greedy or obsessed by dark schemes of European intrigue and colonial expansion. Britain has more developed land, more air-bases, more oil, more everything than any other country in the world, so naturally SHE is satisfied. And she intends to hang onto every inch of it, forcing her government on millions of people, particularly in India, against their will, where there is no more government of the people, by the people, or for the people there than in the jungles of South Africa!" etc., etc., etc.

Of course essentially that is true.

Yet there is as much popular rule in India as there is in Soviet Russia, and these Left-Wingers invariably hold up the latter country as the perfect model for all the rest of the world to follow. Therefore they are not at all consistent.

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BUT consistency, of course, doesn't bother them. What does bother them is the perpetuation of the British Empire,—they want that empire broken up and scattered to the four winds.

But they don't want to have the Russian Soviet "empire" broken up, even though Stalin rules over about as many different and conflicting ethnic groups, and with far less individual freedom allowed, as the British King.

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SO what does it all add up to? Merely this, as we see it.

The basis of all this left-wing hostility toward Britain is ideological. It is not a matter of principle but a matter of politics,—especially partisan politics.

If Mr. Winston Churchill presided over a British "U.S.S.R." instead of the British Empire; if he favored a dictatorship of the British proletariat, instead of a democratic parliamentary monarchy; there would be none of this violent opposition to him.

No, the time honored British empire would be allowed to continue in the future, as it has for so many centuries in the past.

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BUT as long as it clings to free enterprise and the private profit system, it must be opposed at every turn, subjected to the calumnies Mr. Churchill mentions, with no quarter until England shall choose as Prime Minister someone who will agree to do what Mr. Churchill flatly refuses to do:—

Assume his high office only to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire! That's all there is to it,—POLITICS, and a particularly vicious and ruthless brand!

Chemists Develop Unusual Material From Wheat Parts

New York—(U.P.)—A new and unusual jellylike material, useful in surgery, in medicine, and perhaps even in making ice cream, is described in "Industrial and Engineering Chemistry," a publication of the American Chemical Society.

The new gel, called gluten sulfate, developed by Western Regional Research Laboratory, U. S. Department of Agriculture at Albany, Cal., is made from the glue-like protein of wheat and is formed by the reaction of the wheat gluten with chlorosulfonic acid in pyridine, or with cold concentrated sulphuric acid. The reaction produces a cream-colored solid which when brought into contact with cold water immediately absorbs 100 to 300 times its weight in water and becomes an odorless, tasteless and almost water-clear gel which has many uses.

Among these are an absorbing agent for bodily fluids in operations involving post-operative drainage; as a suspending agent in pharmaceutical preparations and as a base for therapeutic jellies and ointments. It also may be used as an emulsifying agent to thicken ice cream and other foods.

Chungking, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Fire of undetermined origin today destroyed an auxiliary office and storage building at headquarters of the U. S. forces in China. The blaze was discovered at 6:30 a. m. Chinese personnel and American soldiers saved a portion of the supplies and equipment in the building.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 22—Everything is going to be a lot different in Washington in this fourth term. You can see plain signs of the character and scope of the change behind the action of the house in setting up this new committee to investigate un-American activities. The skillful parliamentarian, Mr. Rankin, of Mississippi, who navigated the authorization for the committee through the apparently confused and uncertain house, has made a speech indicating he expects this to be a real investigation. His voice sounded to me a little hoarse, as if he were expressing a wan hope.

Paul Mallon

The infighting between the C. I. O. boys plus the new dealers (with aid from the nominal administration leaders) and Rankin's somewhat cowed group has been softshod but clever. It started this way.

When Rankin first astonished his opposition by even daring to propose an investigation, the house leaders had it killed in an unrecorded vote—the kind in which only numbers on opposing sides are counted but not the names.

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YOU think that un-American activities would be the first subject congress would want to investigate in war times, but the Dies investigation, largely of the communists and their activity within the C. I. O. and the new deal, had been so bitterly opposed, that the idea even of a new fair investigation seems to have become repugnant to those forces, fresh from what they considered an election victory.

Rankin, however, forced a roll call in which the names of those voting would be known to their constituents — and he won then. An underlying, unstated reason was that such an inquiry actually gives the house members a hold on the radicals in downtown departments who are in frequent contest with them, and this may have drawn in enough self-interested votes for victory.

Smartly Mr. Rankin framed his proposition so the administration leaders, particularly Speaker Rayburn (who has had some troubles from C. I. O. in his district) could not make the appointments. The way he handled it the appointing power was put in the hands of the democratic party leaders as represented on the ways and means committee.

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THE investigating personnel they finally came up with was as surprising as the success of Mr. Rankin's original proposal. It is the custom to name believers in an investigation to the direction of it, but for the first time in my 25 years' experience here, this time four of the six democrats named, including the chairman, already had voted against the investigation. (Rankin could not take the chairmanship because he already has the important veterans affairs committee.)

If the hand of the White House or the C. I. O. was discernible in the ways and means committee choices, it was not apparent to Rankin. He looks on the selections as "compromises."

His reason for placing even that bright a light on what appears to be dull prospects, is that with the three republicans, himself and one other democrat, he may be able to swing a majority of five to four in favor of some kind of investigating, even against the wishes of the chairman (a Hague henchman) and the other democrats who similarly come from districts subject to the heavy C. I. O. political pressure.

The scope of whatever limited inquiries are to be made may be determined in the end by the popular demand created by the American Legion and other patriotic organizations interested in the subject. In his speech Rankin asked that they write him any evidence they detect.

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UNQUESTIONABLY the weakness of the old Dies committee was that it was not strictly legal or meticulous about all its facts. On occasions, unquestionably it went beyond the point where it could not be successfully refuted.

Particularly it branded some public people with the communist taint on the ground that they were under communist influence although they were presumably unaware of the nature of organizations which they joined. The Dies publicity was always handled in an accusing rather than a factual way.

The need for a fair and factual inquiry into the scope of all un-American influence in this country is plain, in view of current war and peace conditions apparent to all. The FBI only handles law violations. Congress could furnish a great resistance to subtle propaganda and methods. This need is likely to continue to exist for a long time.

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 condensation.

Why Get Burned Twice

To the Editor: The voices of the isolationists seem again to be heard in the land. These include the "Smudge Pot" and Senator Wheeler. I am hoping that Lindberg has learned better.

It has been said that only a person with a very low IQ twice gets caught in the same way. The United States followed a certain pattern and became involved in the most terrible war in all history. That pattern included two outstanding policies

First: Isolationism, washing our hands of European affairs in the belief that thereby our "boys would not again have to die on foreign soil."

Second: Not being reasonably prepared for possible war. In fact we fairly shouted to the world that we would not fight. Many college students signed agreements that they would not under any circumstances fight in the armed forces.

Why repeat the same policies?

Why not realize that two splendid citizens were right, Willkie, in his "One World," and "T.R." in his many years of urging us to adopt universal military service? He suggested the democratic system of peace loving Switzerland.

Horace W. Thompson
604 Newton, Medford.

Jackson County Herd Laws

To the Editor: I have discussed with small property owners and others the abuses and misuse of our properties resulting from their seriously over-grazed condition. I have pointed out the fact that these abuses could not exist if the cattlemen complied with the Jackson county herd laws, namely, by keeping their stock off the range from November 30 to April 1 as specified in this county's laws.

I have also pointed out to them that if they insisted upon their local rangers that all grazing regulations be administered in accordance with the manual governing same, that it would be impossible for any one area to be seriously damaged.

The result obtained through these discussions so far is as follows: in the afternoon of January 16, a member of the Applegate Cattlemen's association came to my place and told me that if I didn't desist from trying to get the use of the range properly controlled as specified in the forest service regulations and Jackson county herd laws, that he'd burn up the whole gulch. When I told him what the consequences of such an act would be, he said, he would not do it himself, but knew where he could get someone who would.

Therefore, I am uncertain whether this is the man's personal desire and wishes, or if it is the actual policies of this Cattlemen's association. If the Cattlemen's association is not back of this, I think they should clear their ranks of such members. Therefore, I will gladly supply them with the name of the man making this threat and supply information concerning two previous attempts to hire others to set a fire in this gulch.

It is such incidents as the above that are making it absolutely necessary for the small property owners to establish herd laws by the ballot.

The law as it now stands declares all privately owned unfenced property to be a public grazing ground. Thereby taking the constitutional rights away from the owner to regulate and receive the use of his own property.

Since there is no compensation of any kind this puts the law in direct conflict with "Article 5" of the "Bill of Rights."

Therefore, I think it's time for all concerned to take whatever steps and measures necessary to have this law repealed or amended to the extent of being "constitutional."

J. A. Sales
Rt. 1, Jacksonville, Ore.
Jan. 20.

Give Germany Peace Terms

To the editor: We Americans are confronted with the distressing realization that the war with Germany will probably last much longer than we expected. It is unnecessary to point out that this will mean an enormous increase in casualties, misery and cost. "War jitters" has it's disturbing—if not devastating—effects on all of us, whether we be in a frontline foxhole or living comfortably and safely in the United States.

Consequently, our primary concern at this time is to bring Germany to her knees and finish this phase of the war with all possible speed. In view of this, we should give attentive ear to all suggestions which might in any way hasten the end of the war. I do not claim to be either a military or political expert. My opinion is based solely on my limited experience and observation in the ETO. Whether you agree with me or not, I believe my remarks are at least worth thinking about. It is in this spirit that I offer my suggestion for your consideration.

I believe the German armed forces and civilians should be told at once what terms will be imposed upon them when they surrender. Surely our statesmen and military leaders must know what they will be. If not, it's high time they did. There is no doubt that many—and probably most — Germans want to get out of the war before their country suffers the additional carnage of a prolonged war. They know that such prolongation will mean much more destruction and death and that the terms of surrender will be just as harsh, or more so, after this additional "needless" sacrifice. They realize the terms of unconditional surrender won't be easy. But they will want to know what to expect. If these terms could be promulgated to all Germans they would certainly find them no worse and probably not as bad as they have been led to believe they would be by their leaders—who are telling them they can expect neither justice nor mercy from us.

It is true that we can not know just how effective this would be. Such a promulgation would be countered by more terroristic threats by the nazis. We would certainly not be naive enough to expect it would precipitate the immediate overthrow of the nazi regime. But it would be the "sowing of the seed" which would be bound to have some effect on the weakening morale of the German people and add fuel to the fires of their desire for peace. It should give their will and agitation for peace considerable emphasis. And while it is not likely, there is the possibility that the hold of the nazi tyranny is weaker than we think and such a move might possibly be just what is needed to fell the tottering hierarchy. And if it would result in ending the war only an hour sooner or in saving the life of one allied soldier—who among us would say it was not worth the doing? And who can know what would happen unless we try?

Another point. Let us not leave ourselves vulnerable to possible future assertions by the Germans who want peace that they would have worked harder and risked more for it had they known what our peace terms would have been. Whatever their opinions of our terms might be is not the point. Opinion would of course be widely variant. But at least we should let them know what the score is. Somehow I feel it would look better that way in the pages of history.

Why not send our planes over to bombard their country with millions of leaflets pointing out the hopelessness of their cause, urging immediate surrender and outlining the terms?

War Correspondent
Medford, January 22
(Name on file)

Sablefish is taken in coastal waters from California to the Aleutian islands.

PIN-UP FOR GERMAN PRISONERS—When Ilene Woods, the thrush, received hundreds of pin-up requests from German prisoners of war in this country, she jumped at the opportunity of propagandizing the enemy with her own ideas on the future of Germany.

COLUMBIA RIVER RAISED TO FLOAT NAVAL CRAFT

Coulee Dam, Wash. (U.P.) — When a 3,700-horsepower Navy tugboat hauling gasoline up the Columbia River to the Pasco naval training station ran aground, her skipper expected that a lot of water would pass under the bridge before she was refloated. It did.

The War Department, not stymied for a minute, simply notified reclammation officials at Grand Coulee dam 250 miles upstream to open the floodgates and raise the river level four feet. Three days later the additional flow reached the stranded tug and lifted her gently off the rocks.

TRAFFIC RESUMED

Hanford, Calif., Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Rail traffic on the Santa Fe main line was resumed today after five cars of the 13-car Grand Canyon Limited were derailed early yesterday by a broken track. Eleven persons were injured in the accident, four seriously enough to require hospitalization.

Cucumbers for the market grown in California in 1943 were valued at $1,037,000, while the 1944 crop was valued at $770,000, although only 300 less acres were planted in 1944.

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
June 22, 1935
(It Was Wednesday)

Japanese planes bomb northern China cities. League of Nations urged to act.

State liquor store here to be in central location.

Flood of bills swamp legislature at Salem.

Cloudy with occasional rain High 41, low 33 degrees.

Congress balks, and Secretary Ickes will not distribute relief funds.

Unlicensed dogs to be rounded up coming spring.

Pear shipment to date total 1925 cars.

Active club warned by speaker of dangers of Bolshevikism.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 22, 1925
(It Was Thursday)

New high school bonds defeated in special election 315 to 257.

New Stutz fire pumper arrives and is tested.

Bill before legislature would bar income tax in state until 1950.

State sheriffs in session vote to abolish state dry lay enforcement chief.

Unsettled and colder. High 58, low 35 degrees.

Three bandits who held up Ashland service station caught on highway.

Ted Leonard is elected head of local DeMolay.

Bad roads in Sams Valley district causes use of horses instead of autos.

THIRYT-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
January 22, 1911
(It Was Sunday)

Flood wrecks Bear Creek bridge near Central Point.

Citizens meet and discuss location of new postoffice building.

Tent city to be opened here again next summer.

Historians have unearthed on Babylonian tablets the first known story of man's attempt to fly.

DO YOU FEEL NERVOUS RESTLESS HIGH-STRUNG On "CERTAIN DAYS" Of The Month?
Do functional periodic disturbances make you feel nervous, fidgety, cranky, irritable, a bit blue, tired, and "dragged out"—at such times?
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