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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The post-war auto will be equipped with brakes, sufficiently strong to stop in three feet at 60 MPH.

Berlin, the home nest of nazism, is now under a blitzkrieg, thrice as devastating as the German war lords poured on London and Rotterdam.

What purported to be the first robin of spring showed up on the Cline lawn Tuesday—and looked it.

CAUSE AND EFFECT (Oregonian)
"Salem, Jan. 31 (Special)—Burning a mortgage in the State street property of the Y.W.C.A. featured the annual meeting of the organization Wednesday. The mortgage was in the amount of \$4000.

"When you burn one single scrap of waste paper, you're destroying a critical war material."

Ecuador informed all American governments Monday, that technically she had been at war with Japan since Pearl Harbor. What's the rush?

Orchardists are still hoping for snow in the hills, if it takes all summer. The formation of a ski patrol ought to start the blizzards raging in the high hills.

The B. Tornado massacred Salem last night, 65 to 33. The vortex of the Tornado left the scene early. They will face the powerful (at home) Pelicans over the week-end, and one of the worst massacres in the memory of the oldest inhabitants, is shaping up.

YE GENTLE JAB (Salem Statesman)
"Odd folks... we have blamed a circus in town, Camp Adair and even the harvest season for strange looking people who are attracted to our quiet town. Now the only out-of-the-ordinary thing going on is legislature." (Maxine Buren)

The new battle cry of Gen. MacArthur is "On To Tokyo." One of the national errors of the war was not getting "On To Tokyo" fast enough—not even after the Korean spies gave the tip-off.

FORECAST FOR 1944
"Many folks will be worried about things that won't happen, and there will be a lot of arguments about the future of the world. Some folks will act with good sense, patience and integrity. And some won't. Some politicians will say they got a man date to tear up something and change our country around, forgetting that the only mandate a candidate ever gets is to be a good, honest American in big print letters, without any little print. Things around the world will somehow change in our favor. We are going to be a bigger and maybe a better nation." (Farmers Almanac)

Million volt X-rays, now in use in the country's war plants, check heavy castings and forgings as much as eight inches thick. They reveal faults that could not be detected by any other means.

Un-American

A contemporary gives high praise to the Hood River Legion "for sticking to its guns regarding the Japs."

We grant such an uncompromising stand takes a certain type of intestinal fortitude. But like the courage of "Old Eric," one regrets it could not be devoted to a better cause.

THE U. S. War Department has deplored this Hood River action on the ground it impairs the morale of soldiers of Japanese ancestry fighting on the western front, and gives aid and comfort to the enemy in its effort to make the war in the Far East a race war. Isn't that a rather serious indictment?

Edward N. Scheiberling, National Commander of the Legion has officially directed the Hood River Legion to return the names of these 15 Jap Legion members, in good standing, who fought as citizens in the defense of their country, adding:

"Your action has brought much unfavorable publicity and criticism to the American Legion."

It has. And properly so for the Hood River action is not right, is not American, is opposed to every principle of fair play and tolerance for which the democracies of the world stand and are now fighting.

BUT according to the latest report "Hood River American Legion Post No. 22 deems it inadvisable at this time to take any action on restoration of Japanese-American names" to its service rolls.

This country is at war with both Germany and Japan. No such action has been taken by Hood River regarding the Legion members of German ancestry.

The only possible reason therefore must be one of color—of race hatred, contrary to the American Bill of Rights and the Constitution. There are literally hundreds of thousands of men of color—black, brown, yellow, even red—fighting with the United States forces in this war.

Something more serious than color blindness must be afflicting the officers and members of the Hood River Post, if they can't see, not only the theoretical but the practical dangers to the entire war effort, which this unwarranted un-American and intolerant action against citizens of this country involves!

How Come?

We believe that the American workingman and the American business man and industrial manager, in co-operation, have won this war. There is a deep insult, and a deep danger, in subjecting the labor side of this partnership to coercion at this late date. We don't like it. And we don't like any evidence of lack of union objection to it.

This from the Oregonian refers to organized labor's alleged indifference to the "work or fight" bill now that the amendment against the closed shop has been eliminated.

Why SHOULDNT the labor side of this partnership be open to coercion, when the exigencies of war demand it, as President Roosevelt, General Marshall, Admiral King and others high in authority, claim is the case?

Why is it that "deep insult and deep danger" is involved when citizens are subject to coercion, as far as war work is concerned; when there is no such insult or no such danger, when they are subject to identical coercion, as far as shouldering a gun and going into battle is concerned?

Yes we don't get it. We never have been able to get it.

EVERY other country fighting in this war has found it necessary to coerce labor and management, to tell both precisely what to do to win it, just as the soldiers and sailors have been told in every nation what to do to bring victory at the earliest possible time and at the lowest cost.

Precisely what then is the "insult and danger" to which the workers of England have been subjected, for example, by being told what they can and can not do in the vital business of supplying the tools for this conflict?

Has organized labor in England been complaining about it? If so we have heard nothing to that effect.

THE problem would be clarified materially if the Oregonian would state explicitly what the precise nature of the "insult and danger" is—exactly how it would be present when one group of citizens is "coerced" in furtherance of the war effort and not when some other group would be subject to the same coercion?

It doesn't, as we see it, make sense!

What Is Axis Strategy?

The present war situation is very puzzling, particularly in the South Pacific.

But we have come to the conclusion—which will probably startle the world!—that both Germany and Japan have adopted the same essential strategy, namely:

They are both doing everything in their power to conserve their fighting forces—stave off complete defeat on one hand, and on the other inflict maximum losses on the enemy.

Or to express the same idea in another way they are both fighting for time, on the theory no doubt that the longer the war lasts, the better the chances they have of a negotiated peace, instead of unconditional surrender.

Whether this is the correct diagnosis or not it would explain two things, namely: Why Japan made no all-out effort to hold Manila, and why Germany apparently is not going to stake everything on the defense of Berlin.

Speaks Tomorrow



Edw. N. Weinbaum, manager of the Retail Trade Bureau of Portland will speak tomorrow at a dinner meeting at the Holland Hotel at 6 p. m. sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

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 February 7, 1935 (It was Thursday)

Frank DeSouza confirmed by senate as local postmaster.

Rudy Valle divorce trial thrills sensation hunters.

Hog - corn contract signing starts in valley.

CCC for reserve military force proposed by army.

Fight to abolish fish nets and traps in Columbia opens in legislature.

Unsettled with rain or snow. High 57, low 45 degrees.

Usual cold snap during January not forthcoming weather statistics show.

Ashland council votes sons \$200. for trip to Denver tourney.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY February 7, 1925 (It was Saturday)

City to display two billboards on Pacific Highway.

County court rules all purchases by county in future shall be by wholesale lots.

Ten feet of snow at Crater Lake Rim now.

Talent district is assured of plenty of irrigation water coming season.

Farmers in Central Point want rain to cease so they can start spring plowing.

Heavy tourist travel predicted for coming year.

Jack Dempsey, world champion gets license to wed Estelle Taylor, film actress.

Hunt for new tunnel in Kentucky Cave as last chance to rescue Floyd Collins.

Unsettled. High 49, low 36 degrees.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY February 7, 1911 (It was Tuesday)

Legislature asks president to call special session of congress for revision of tariff.

Nat callope used as a noon whistle is branded a nuisance.

Austria and Italy threaten war.

THE WINNER—SPINACH Evansville, Ind. — (U.P.) — The strength of Popeye the Sailor's spinach was proven when grocer Arthur H. Lillienkamp used a can of spinach to thwart a would be robber. A customer entered the store and ordered a coconut, tomato juice and then spinach. As Lillienkamp turned to get the spinach, the "customer" drew out a lead pipe, hit him on the head and told him to stay down. But the grocer dazedly reached for the can of spinach and knocked the robber out.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m. - Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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CHANGING TRENDS IN GOVERNMENT IS SUBJECT OF TALK

Judge Crawford Tells Rotarians of Change Brought About by Supreme Court.

Changing trends in government brought about by judicial decisions of the U. S. supreme court instead of constitutional procedure were the subject of a brilliant address by James W. Crawford, judge of the circuit court, before the Medford Rotary club Tuesday. Speaking at the Hotel Medford, Judge Crawford pointed to cases in which the highest court of the land has reversed previous decisions and has assumed prerogatives of congress in recent actions.

History is written not only in the legislative halls but in the courts of the nation, Crawford reminded. Should the history of this country be destroyed, much of it could be restored by examination of the supreme court records. The speaker expresses the opinion that changes in this democracy should be made from time to time to meet changing conditions but that these changes should be made through legislative action and not forced upon the people by unlegislative means through decisions of a court not directly chosen by the people.

Cites Decisions

In discussing recent action of the supreme court in which every branch of human interest has been affected without benefit of congressional legislation, Judge Crawford cited decisions dealing with interstate commerce. The decision handed down by the court in 1942 dealing with the wages and hours act in New York was singled out. This places janitors and elevator operators under the act when employment is in buildings tenanted by people engaged in interstate commerce. The inclusion of the business of fire insurance under interstate commerce was also cited. By legislative opinion rather than legislative action the authority of the states has been removed and federal controls and restraints imposed.

This defeats the philosophy of American democracy by allowing the rule of men to supersede the rule of law. The privilege to amend the constitution must be a privilege of the people only.

Changes Not All Bad

Judge Crawford emphasized the fact that changes which have been recently made have not all been bad, and that the people must expect certain waivers of rights in wartime. They must be sure, however, that the rights which have been voluntarily surrendered in this emergency will be returned after the emergency ceases to exist, and that no "fictional emergency" will arise to continue the restraints and controls after the war.

The supreme court today is held in less respect by members of the law profession than at any time for many years, the speaker said.

Judge Crawford also expressed the opinion that eight years for any executive to be in office is the maximum for safe government. Longer terms tend to bring to the highest court a membership activated by political philosophies and further tends to seriously disrupt the checks and balances which are basic in this democracy and established under the constitution.

Concluding his address, Crawford voiced the hope that veterans returning from this war will find jobs in private industry rather than positions on federal payrolls. They should return to assume responsibilities of government and should be given the opportunities under a system of government they know rather than one of experiment and judicial decree.

Judge Crawford was introduced by A. S. Rosenbaum, program chairman.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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

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Berlin Home Guard on Parade



Berlin Home Guards, all obviously past military age, parade in Berlin after taking oath according to caption accompanying this picture received through a neutral source. The man in center is, says the Nazi caption, carrying the latest German infantry anti-tank weapon—the Tank Horror.

TREES PLANTED ALONG HIGHWAY TO AID SCENERY

Portland, Ore. — (U.P.) — More seedling trees for free planting along northwest highways have been made available by forest industries, it has been revealed by the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

A half million seedlings of Port Orford cedar and Douglas fir will be taken from the stock of the forest industries tree nursery at Nisqually, Wash., as the industrial forest land owners of Oregon and Washington enter into their third year of a program of planting unstocked areas of private timberlands.

One of the projects is planting a row of trees 10-deep along the barren wastes of the huge Tillamook burn. The trees are being planted by high school boys on weekends, because other labor is scarce. Within a few years, the small trees will grow up and screen off the burned areas. As soon as labor is available, private reforestation of the burned area will be started but the roadside tree belt has been under-taken as a beautifying measure.

The Wilson Creek highway also traversing the Tillamook burn, will be another scenic road to be planted. Salvage logging has removed many of the blackened trees on the hills along the road but recurring fires led to the plan of having a screening belt planted.

The lumbermen's association has offered its resources and trees to schools and other groups interested in joining the movement to beautify the highways.

LIVE TO FLY AGAIN

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The Rev. B. V. Seals

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.

Wanted—Education Not Militarism

To the editor: Mr. Burmister's letter in Monday's paper is a strong plea for a great improvement in our educational system, but not for compulsory peacetime military training. Everything he makes a plea for is splendid—as long as it is done in the American way. Certainly many of our young people need additional religious training and vocational training of the most practical kind—but it must be done in the traditional American voluntary way or this country will be something less than America.

What about the way we teach our young people? I believe the reason our educational institutions fall short of our ideals is obvious: if our schools were given one small fraction of the money the army and navy is allowed we would have a wonderfully improved educational system in a few short years!

Just recall that we voters have no choice about taxes for military use, but when it comes to school taxes we can protest against all high taxes and vote the school tax down. As a result our boys and girls are taught by underpaid and sometimes undertrained teachers and our school facilities are tragically limited, and out-dated.

As for the teaching our young people the self-discipline required for a democracy by teaching them military discipline—I doubt if we would get any different results than have France, Germany, Italy and Japan from their military training of all young people.

Military training provides excellent training for citizenship in a totalitarian state but it does not prepare men and women for the taking of individual responsibility nor for the personal initiative a democracy so deeply needs.

May I suggest that education

must go farther than the schools and include us parents so that we may better know how to help our children become better people and better citizens? Certainly, too, the church must offer greater service to the community, to strengthen and inspire us to truer brotherhood.

As a great preacher of today says: "We will pay the price of peace or else in a few years we will again pay the price of war."

Mrs. A. H. B. Route 1, Box 530

Oklahoma Crop Said Nearly Double 1943

Oklahoma City (U.P.) — The U. S. department of agriculture recently estimated the Oklahoma cotton crop this year at 660,000 bales, compared with 384,000 bales harvested in 1943.

The yield per acre, based on the condition Nov. 1, was placed at 204 pounds, 81 pounds above the 1943 yield and 52 pounds greater than the 10-year average.

The 10-year average cotton production in Oklahoma is 653,000 bales.

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