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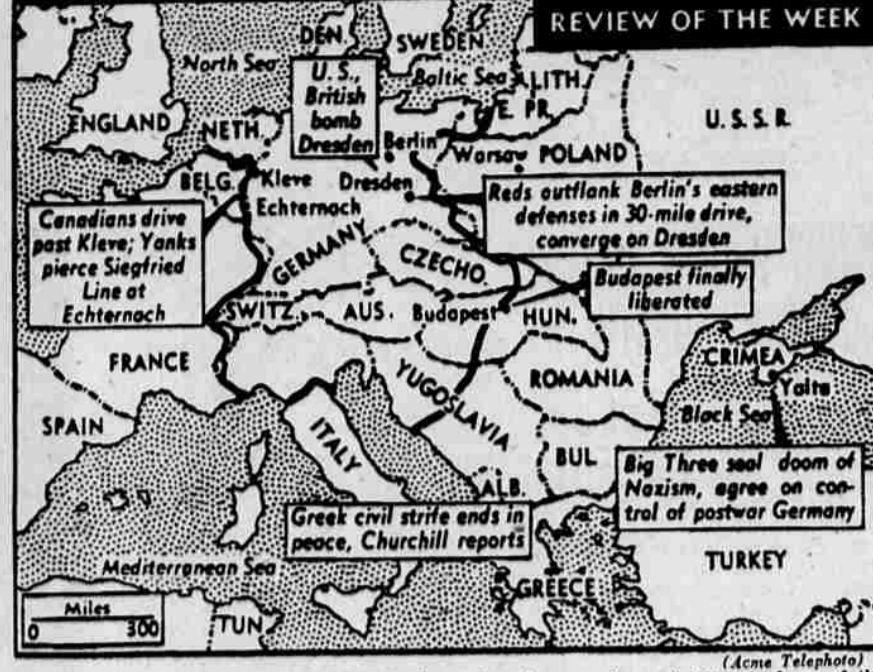
Editorial Correspondence

Los Angeles, Feb. 15.—The big event of the week was, of course, the announcement from Yalta by the Big Three.
All in all it seemed to us a very strong, consistent and convincing statement.
It was a compromise, with Comrade Stalin getting all the better of it. But if the basic principles regarding the future were declared in good faith and will be adhered to, the allies will not only win the war, but the peace.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 18.—The war cities down this Atlantic seaboard, bulging at their seams, are worried and confused about their postwar prospects (as every collection of people everywhere).
Food is good, money plentiful. Rationing has been less painful than in Washington and New York.
The people have gotten through the war better.
But just about half of the authorities are apprehensively anticipating depression and unemployment, while—singular as it sounds—the other half expect the opposite result, good postwar business, built on great private spending, with the towns holding much of their growth and the people retaining much of their improved financial position.

Highlights of Another Week of War
REVIEW OF THE WEEK



The Big Three conference at Yalta, sealing the doom of nazism, was the peak moment of one of the momentous weeks of the European war. Other developments are depicted on this map as giant drives in east and west squeeze hard-pressed Germans ever harder.

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 19, 1935
Infernal machine sent to Sen. Huey Long from this city is wrapped in a portion of the Mail Tribune.
Badminton stars of Northwest to give exhibition here tonight.
Lower House of Legislature threatens revolt over senate delays.
Unsettled. High 55, low 38 degrees.
Ashland high quint points for game here Friday with Black Tornado.
C. E. (Pop) Gates urges stricter penalties to curb wild autoists.
Bruno Hauptmann appeals conviction of kidnaping and murder of Col. Lindbergh baby.

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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Moscow announces the German people under allied occupation, will receive "rough but beneficial schooling" for the eradication of their hallucinations they are the "master race" and world conquerors. There will be no sparing of the rod, and starting World War III. Furthermore, in administering the punishment, long needed, it is not going to hurt Ivan more than Hans.

The New Deal claim labor strikes have failed to hinder war production, is interesting if true. Under the same logic, the armed forces could quit shooting and have the enemy thoroughly trounced before supper.

"The rail-splitter battalion became the first outfit to liberate a town clad in underwear." (Chicago Tribune.) It must be a bit chilly for it.

HERE'S NOT LOOKING AT YOU!

(Ray Tucker's Col.)
Washington, Feb. 15.—A sweeping senate investigation of certain alleged big-time liquor violators has been quietly squelched by administration leaders because a corporation involved contributed heavily to the Democrats' campaign chests and has a close tie-up with influential party bosses in Washington, New York and California.

Citizens have started hoping the legislature will cease and desist, and quit sine die.

QUOHQUINNAPASSAKES-SANANAGNOG

is the name of a river in Amherst, N. H. (Unearthed and submitted by Cora Kidd.) Let's has no more sneers about Russian and Welsh names.

The Older Girls sat around yee, which was a beautiful and perfect day, wishing it was Easter Sunday, when they sport new bonnets, and talking about the auto trips they used to take, in similar weather. It was a day to drive out into the country and dump a gunnysack full of tincans on the rural scene.

"John L. Buckner has been elected vice-president of the Corn Products Refining company. He has been associated with the company since 1912." (Journal of Commerce.) John gets a break at long last.

TIME FOR BLUSHING

(Woodland, Cal., Democrat)
"Ever since Eve whipped up the first acanthus-leaf sarong, it has not been considered good form to exhibit in public that particular part of the human body known to bad little boys, physicians and poets as 'the belly' and to the rest of us gentler souls by the more polite and inaccurate term, "the stomach." But, as in the old song, "Time, they say, brings many changes," and this year's fashion experts urge that one bring the belly—oops, pardon us—the stomach right out into the drawing room."

A surplus of food, and how to lessen it, is feared by experts in the postwar period. Non-experts hold the established custom of eating, is one of the best ways to lessen it.

An expert has selected the ten most beautiful American women. In their pictures none wore slacks, and all had on stockings.
San Francisco's per capita income of \$2246 is the highest in the nation for cities of a half million population or more.

In spite of this some of the papers here are maintaining "unconditional surrender" has been upheld and continued. Just how the enumeration of the conditions of surrender can refer to a surrender WITHOUT conditions, they do not make plain.

The terms are severe. But they do represent the conditions under which the Germans may surrender any time they wish. Emphasis on the fact the German people may hope to return eventually to the comity of nations, and again be a self-respecting and independent nation WHEN militarism and Nazism are destroyed, certainly should tend to drive a wedge between the German people and their present psychopathic warlords.

The chief justification for "unconditional surrender" and for clinging to it for so long a time, was the belief, that the fear of the unknown would break Germany's will to resist more quickly than the known. This department has always doubted the soundness of this assumption, in fact has believed the exact opposite,—that the reiteration of unconditional surrender and fear of the unknown has been a valuable weapon for Dr. Goebbels in uniting all Germans to resist, while many, had they seen any escape from extinction, would at least have TRIED to take advantage of it. This is not the official allied view and not the popular one, and of course we may be wrong, but we are willing to leave it to the verdict of history,—the only supreme court in such matters anyway.

However all that may be we feel this declaration made at Yalta is essentially just. Certainly this war has been waged in vain, if German militarism or its anti-Christ Nazism could by any chance whatever survive it. All that must be destroyed, root and branch,—and may the world never see its like again!

Comrade Stalin certainly has reason to be proud of himself. What a man! What a power! And think of it, not so long ago a ragged youth in South Russia picking pockets of the Bourgeoisie for a living. But always a thorough-going revolutionist, even if he had to rob banks to secure cash for the revolutionary strong box. Great Americans have risen from poverty to riches, from log cabins to the White House but here is a refugee from the Russian underworld rising to a place of the greatest individual power in the 20th Century cosmos.

Read a list of the Stalin victories at Yalta for example, not a reverse or even a real Russian compromise in the lot,—Poland, Yugoslavia, indemnities in kind, explicit terms of surrender, Dumbarton Oak vote and what have you,—a truly Olympian achievement.

One of the most surprising features of the Yalta announcement was the naming of San Francisco as the place for a world security organization meeting to be held in only a short time now,—April 25th,—the mop-up so to speak on Dumbarton Oaks. WHY San Francisco, we have been unable to figure out, unless it is a concession to China! It will be interesting, however, to be only 400 miles from such a momentous world event instead of anywhere from 3000 to 10,000, as is usually the case.

If the grapevine reports on the controversial Dumbarton League vote arrangement is correct then here is another example of compromise and again with Soviet Russia getting all the better of it. In the original Dumbarton agreement each of the Big Five,—Russia, Britain, France, the United States and China,—was given the veto power in any of the council's decisions,—that is no decision would be effective unless these five were united on it.

The compromise it is stated, retains this veto power as far as any PUNITIVE action is concerned, but not in other council decisions. In other words Russia concedes the right of the council to be governed by majority rule except where force is involved. The answer to that is, of course, that the only IMPORTANT decisions the council can make will involve force.
Russia APPEARS to give up something, but REALLY doesn't. —R.W.R.

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.

Hill West Virginia

To the Editor: We are proud of Fairmont, W. Va., and Judge Charles E. Miller, of the Marion county court, as representing the true sentiments of the state of West Virginia, in the case of Benjamin Franklin Male, who returned to that noble state from Oregon to get relief from his conscience, that he may live and die in peace. Though I know him not, I know that the good wishes of Oregon went with him and a feeling of confidence that West Virginia could forgive and forget as well as we. We, too, awaited your verdict.
Thank God, Judge Miller has fulfilled our utmost expectations, and we thank him and congratulate West Virginia in exemplifying the sisterhood of states.
I salute West Virginia for the state of Oregon and in memory of my mother, father and brother who lie buried in the city of Clarksburg.
Donald Campbell, Formerly of 511 Clark St., Clarksburg, W. Va.

Buttercups First

To the Editor: Buttercups are usually our first wildflowers to bloom. Even the buttercup has roots deep in folklore. Sweden has a buttercup fairytale about a miser: He was told there was a pot of gold coins at the foot of the rainbow. Before starting out, he picked up a sack. It was almost new. He could sell that to the junkman. Taking another, an old one, he crossed forest and meadow to the rainbow. There he found gold coins. These he greedily stuffed into his sack. Swinging this on his back, he started home across mountain meadow. He did not reach the other side of the meadow till dark. He was tired from the long hike. He laid down to sleep. The next morning, he found the sack, being old, had sprung a leak. He had lost his coins. He recrossed the meadow, but could find no gold coins. They had all sprouted into buttercups!

Kiddies gatherng February's first wildflowers may enjoy this Scandinavian bit of folklore.
C. M. Goethe, Sacramento, Calif.

KRESSE RECOVERING FROM PRISON INJURY

Word has been received here, that Dr. A. F. W. Kresse, seriously injured in an accident in the McNeill's Island prison carpenter shop two weeks ago, is progressing favorably following an emergency operation. Dr. Kresse was struck in the stomach by a flying piece of board and seriously hurt.

FEWER MEXICANS OREGON OUTLOOK FOR '45 CROP AID

Corvallis, Ore.—Oregon has been given a conditional promise of 5,000 Mexican farm laborers for the coming season, compared with 5,200 used last year, report William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college, and Ralph Beck, in charge of the farm labor service of the O. S. C. extension service. The two officials recently returned from a conference in Berkeley called by the office of labor of the war food administration.
Actual arrival of the Mexicans who have proved so satisfactory in the past two years, depends upon successful negotiation for recruitment in and transportation from Mexico, the Oregon men report. Gen. Philip G. Bruton, administrator of the office of labor is actively working with the Mexican government in an attempt to overcome some of the problems that arose last year in the course of the season's operations.

Prisoners Unavailable

The Oregon officials also conferred with the representatives of the army ninth service command at the Berkeley conference regarding use of prisoners of war to help in harvesting crops. They were told that, because of the widespread use of prisoners on military installations and in agriculture, the army is not able to fill nearly all of the requests for such labor.
"These developments all emphasize the fact that the success of the production and harvesting program in Oregon this year will depend largely on the work of men, women and youth in the state," said Beck. "Mexican nationals and prisoners of war will be obtained to supplement local labor to the extent possible, however.

Farmers to File

"All farmers expecting to need such outside labor are asked to file their requests with their county agents just as soon as their needs are known. Farm labor offices are now operating in all counties where early labor needs are pressing and will be opened in others as rapidly as the season requires."
The Oregon men pointed out that the extension service has responsibility only for farm labor for processing plants, whether local or transported, is handled by the U. S. employment service. Because of the close relationship of crop production and processing, however, representatives of the war manpower commission attended the Berkeley conference.

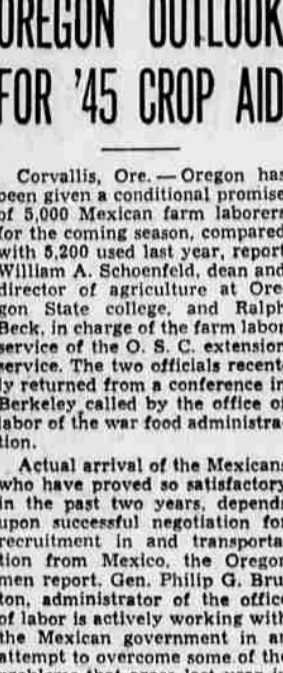
SHEEPSKIN DEED FILED

Rochester, Ind., (U.P.)—A patent deed from the U. S. government bearing the signature of President John Tyler, dated April 1, 1843, was filed for record in the office of Fulton County Recorder Lee Moore recently, in an effort to acquire title to an 80-acre tract, part of which borders on Lake Bruce, Moore said the deed was drawn on sheepskin in accordance with the custom and was in good condition despite its old age of 101 years.
The trouble today is no one has taken hold to furnish that leadership. The propaganda from Washington has been wrong in disturbing confidence. An inspiring leader there, who thought he could do the job, could soon correct this condition.
Mr. Roosevelt had better send out a hurry-call for brains before it is too late.

On Fourth of July in 1826

On Fourth of July in 1826 — the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence — two former presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died. And on the 55th anniversary, Fourth of July, 1831, former President James Monroe died.

HINT LANDINGS ON IWO JIMA



After two days of heavy naval bombardment, American troops are reported by Tokyo to have landed on Iwo Jima, 750 miles south of Tokyo. This recent Air Force photo shows a Liberator over the island with smoke clouds rising from bomb hits on the Jap airstrips, a ready-made and ideal base for Yanks to start B-29s toward Nip homeland.

COTTON APPAREL PRICES REDUCED UNDER NEW ORDER

Washington, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today announced prices to be charged for cotton wearing apparel produced under the government's new lower-cost clothing program.
They hailed the return of a war casualty—men's 49 cents shorts.
Price Administrator Chester A. Bowles said the announcement was the first result of the joint OPA - War Production Board effort to cut back clothing prices by six to seven per cent. Prices for woollens and rayons will be announced later.
Clothes to be produced under the program are scheduled to become available in quantity by early summer. The OPA price list calls for women's \$1.99 dresses and 85 cent slips and men's \$1.80 shirts. Most types of children's clothing also were given lower prices.

Program is designed to take most of what is left of cotton, woollens and rayon after military needs are met and make certain it goes into low and medium-cost essential clothing.

Home Ek Grads Marry Early Is Shown at O.S.C.

Oregon State College—Two out of three graduates of the school of home economics here are married within three years after leaving college, and five

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