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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Pezzy
Herr Hitler calls upon the German people for a "suicide fight". It is time for Der Fuehrer to practice what he preaches.

Editorial Correspondence

Los Angeles, Feb. 24: Whether Emerson said it or not (there is no record of it in his written works) there is no doubt of its fundamental truth—to wit: Build a better mouse-trap and the world will wear a path to your door.

That truth was well demonstrated before a crowded house here at the Philharmonic last night when two young men—they looked like high school boys—put on a program that, because of the insistent applause, lasted almost until midnight.

Well we can't qualify as a critic of either mouth-organ or tap-dancing. (Our secret ambition however, has always been to tap-dance to the "Blue Danube," but like many another has never been realized.)

But in our judgment, while there is no reasonable doubt (to express our idea in legal terminology) that these two young men are supreme in their two fields, Mr. Adler is decidedly the more extraordinary.

And that might be expected when it is considered that he operates in the realm of music, and Mr. Draper only in the realm of motion. The former field is a tremendous one, the latter—again in our humble judgment—definitely limited.

But it was a most interesting and diverting evening, for your correspondent who is very fond of both music and dancing, and here were two of the supreme artists of this country—in the world no doubt—in these two particular mediums.

And as our hotel was just across the street, we were rather sorry the applause did not continue even longer, although an hour before the end various and sundry members of the audience arose and stunk away, no doubt compelled by the fact there were no Pacific-Electric cars to get them to their beds AFTER midnight—Cotton or Long Beach!

Mr. Adler looks rather like a small pocket-edition of Irving Berlin.

Yes, he is a little chap, the tail of his dress suit reaching almost to the floor. But how he can play—how he can make that mouth-organ—TALK—or rather sing. And his range covers everything from revellite to taps—Schubert's Sonata No. 1 in D Opus 137, to Nigun, the "Baal Shem" suite or what have you?

And then, as the applause continued he really went native with "Boogie Woogie," and as a finale he and Paul put on a show, both extemporizing—we couldn't figure out whether Paul was adjusting himself to Larry, or Larry to Paul. But the result was rather magnificent, with Paul dancing his heels—and head—off and Larry knocking the "mouth" off that "organ," and really producing an organ alone with an orchestra in reserve. It was a musical and terpsichorean triumph. The two boys seemed to enjoy it and everyone else certainly did.

Paul Draper, incidentally, comes from a very gifted family. His sister is the famous Miss Ruth Draper, monologist, and he is re-headed. But our own idea is, he suffers somewhat from delusions of grandeur. He aspires to great things via the medium of his feet, but after all what one can really express by tapping the heel and toe of a metal-bound shoe on a floor, is limited to say the least. The medium of music is not—at least not so much.

Paul, we imagine as a person is far more interesting than Larry. Paul had three costumes—Larry only the one—white-tie and tails.

Paul's first costume was of the popular henna decor—mosses candy and bronze. Then came the more or less conventional black, a dinner-coat outfit (without the coat) and a vest with a zebra back. Finally what we would term the Apache ensemble—a dark-brown jersey, tight red-brown pants, but the same tap-dance shoes in each outfit.

Yes it was a great show! And it is interesting and stimulating to be able to see two young men, who in all likelihood, because they excel in their two specialties, will not only make their fortunes but attain everlasting fame, not only in this country but throughout the world. Think of the futures before them. The moral of which is a time-honored one: "Whatever you do, do your BEST!"

Adler's interpretation of Gershwin's famous "Rhapsody in Blue" was, as far as your correspondent was concerned, the high-point in the program. Here was a little man, with a little mouth organ, and he produced an orchestra—no less—alho we grant a Mr. Arthur Ferrante at the piano ably assisted—and not a note or a nuance slurred over, the whole thing—PERFECT! Another reason for our enjoyment was the familiarity of the piece, of course.

Here too is an example of the advantage of living in one of the large cities along the coast, the best things in theatre and music that come west of the Rockies can be enjoyed.

It used to be possible in Medford as far as that is concerned, for most of these stellar attractions take in Portland coming or going. And if the S. P. only gave us THROUGH train service the valley would have a chance now, because it is a perfect place for a stop-over without losing—in fact gaining—a night. But without THROUGH train service it hasn't. (We hope our "severest critic" will pardon us!)

The most popular sign in L. A. down-town district—most frequent would be more exact—is brief and to the point "No cigarettes today."

And if you run into a long line of forlorn looking people of all ages, sizes and accoutrements, you can be sure what they are in line for—one package of cigarettes.

The line we encountered this morning extended over a block from the Owl Drug store at the corner of 6th and Broadway. We don't use the filthy weed anymore but were curious to see what brand was at the other end, so entered the store to find a bored looking woman passing out "Kools" with one hand and taking in the cash with the other.

The hotels here have changed greatly in appearance—especially the lobbies. For all lobbies and lounges are completely bare—every stick of furniture removed. The reason? People are not fond of sleeping on a bare floor, but they will sleep in anything or on anything with a roof over it, unless someone kicks them out, and—of course—they can get in. Over in Pershing Square, regardless of the weather there are anywhere from 10 to 30 poor devils sleeping every night.

Went down to the Union Station to see about getting out of here—our time at this hotel is up we are sorry to say—and who should we run into but Wallace Beery and his protegee, one Sylvia Galfield, 17, of Chicago, Ill., who the gruff but smiling Wallace declared is going to UCLA with his daughter, Carole Anne, and not to the altar with him.

Quite a crowd of reporters met the couple and we edged in on the conversation. Wally is certainly a likeable old boy but looks even tougher off the stage than on. He is a Lieutenant Commander in the navy too, and had on his regimentals (also spectacles) but looked for all the world like one of those old-time Mack Sennett cops dressed up for the fireman's ball.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Feb. 27—A government official and a magazine writer back from liberated countries in Europe met a small, trusted group of senators a few days ago with a surprising story.

They reported they had found especially trained Russian political administrators had gone into those countries (from which even our officials have been excluded) to indoctrinate the countries with communist ways.

They have made remarkable headway in Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Rumania, if not elsewhere by now. Skilled in their art, they are also backed by the power of the Russian army, and protected by censorship from the outside world. We know nothing of what has gone on there.

These two American authorities told the senators these Balkan governments, as well as those of Czechoslovakia and Hungary, will reflect the ascendancy of Russia, and the people will accept Russian domination as coming from their liberators.

Anti-fascist forces ruthlessly have exterminated all opposition, and elections in these countries will be useless, they said, because only one party will be allowed to vote, or, indeed, will care to vote.

ADM. Nimitz' choice of Iwo instead of Formosa for the next step after Manila gave solid threat to the warnings of our military leaders that we are headed toward Tokyo directly, and not—as formerly planned—a step-by-step siddling campaign through the China coast. It might bring an end to the Asiatic war a year or more ahead of former expectations.

The Volcano, Bonin and Ryukyu islands adjacent southward of Japan must be seized even beyond the Iwo venture to afford land bases for our planes to cover any attack upon the Jap mainland.

Obviously, now we are preparing for a spring campaign in that direction. What would greatly help, also, in this respect is a Russian move against Japan, which would place Siberian air bases to our use.

Under this new strategy, after we get to Tokyo, we would have to chase the bulk of the Jap land armies over the continent of Asia, but certainly this can better be done by first seizing the source of Jap power and authority at home.

SMALL mustard seeds of destruction of Gen. MacArthur somehow have been finding their anonymous, mysterious way into the news. These suggest the Japs did not defend Luzon, and recapture of Manila was a walkover, the implication being that this was not a hard-fought or brilliant campaign.

The Jap fight for Luzon and Manila was made on Leyte, and it was a vicious struggle. Listen to this: Seventy thousand dead Jap bodies were picked up and counted by us on the Leyte battlefields. Fifty to 60,000 more were killed on land, in the air, and particularly upon their naval ships in the desperate bid they made to cut off our Leyte landing forces by using the bulk of their fleet in three striking moves. About 130,000 Japs were slain in Leyte resistance to MacArthur, and inestimable numbers of additional Japs were wounded.

True, they did not have much left for defense of Luzon, and the bulk of their force shielded away to the northern end of the island. The heaviest resistance has come from that northern flank, although notice of it has been lost in the more spectacular entry into Manila.

MacArthur's capture of Corregidor was in line with the brilliant plan of the whole Philippine campaign. The Japs required weeks to take it by storm at considerable loss, MacArthur air-pounded it daily, then surprise-captured it by paratroopers, weeks ahead of normal expectations.

Unless MacArthur leads the land forces in conjunction with

Adms. Nimitz and Halsey handling the navy, the coming Asiatic campaign will not enjoy the enthusiastic confidence which MacArthur's record justifies.

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.

Clifton's Enjoyed To the editor: Since the editor is now in Los Angeles I have been reading his editorial correspondence with interest as the vicinity of Los Angeles was my home for 18 of my 28 years.

In last Thursday's issue he gives quite an account of his visit to Clifton's Cafeteria. When I was last at Clifton's (about five years ago), the food was excellent and my friends and I enjoyed the unusual surroundings.

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Their fear was summed up by a burgher who ran after the correspondents one morning shouting: "What are you going to do with us?"

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Feb. 27—(UP)—Livestock—Cattle, 250; calves, 25. Quality mostly common and below. Early sales steady. Common steers \$12 to \$12.50. Heifers \$10 to \$11.50. Canner-cows \$8.50 to \$9.50. Good young beef cows Monday upward \$12.50. Medium-good bulls salable \$11 to \$13.50. Good-choice vealers \$14 to \$15.50; extreme top Monday \$16.

Hogs, 150. Active, steady. Top \$13.75 for 170-270 lbs. Good 400-lb. sows \$14.75. Lighter weights quotable to \$15. Good-choice feeder pigs salable \$11 to \$12.

Sheep, 100. Nothing offered early. Nominally steady. Good-choice woolled lambs salable \$12 to \$15.50; common grades down to \$11. Good ewes salable \$7.50 to \$8.

South San Francisco, Feb. 27—(UP)—(USDA)—Cattle, 125. Past two days steady to 25c lower. Monday three loads 900-lb. medium steers \$13 to \$13.25. Good range cows scarce, quoted \$12.50. Common cows \$10 to \$11. Cutters \$8.50 to \$9.50. Canners \$7 to \$8. Common to medium sausage bulls \$2.50 to \$2.60. Calves, 15; nominal. Most common to medium calves \$10 to \$13, few good \$14.50.

Hogs, 250. Firm. Two loads good and choice 250-260-lb. barrows and gilts \$13.75; medium to good sows \$13 to \$14. Sheep, 200. Past two days 25c to 50c higher; today two decks good and choice 90-lb. woolled lambs \$17, new recent high; yesterday three loads good woolled ewes \$9 to \$9.25.

Portland Produce

Portland, Feb. 27—(UP)—Wholesale produce market: Apples—California, 38 @ 4 1/2 lb. Lettuce—California, 4c. \$4 @ 4 1/2 cts crate.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Feb. 27—(UP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close May —1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2 Sept. —1.54 1/2 1.54 1/2 1.54 1/2 1.54 1/2 Dec. —1.53 1/2 1.54 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.54

Wall Street

New York, Feb. 27—(U.P.)—Stock prices today reversed the trend of the past four sessions, climbing fractions to more than a point in a restricted volume of trading.

Oil shares, a number of the liquors, a few department store shares and several senior utility issues were outstanding strong spots. The oils, particularly, were a favorite on Wall Street expectations of further good dividend actions and the outlook for a banner production year in the industry.

Preliminary closing Dow

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Jones average, Industrial, Rail, Utility, and various stocks like American Tel. & Tel., Anaconda, Chrysler, etc.

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Salary Increase For All Hands Is Democrat's Plan

Washington, Feb. 27—(U.P.)—Rep. Carl Vinson, D. Ga., today introduced a bill to increase the salaries of the president, vice-president, cabinet members, speaker of the house, senators and representatives.

The measure would raise the President's salary from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year. This increase would not go into effect until Jan. 20, 1949, the day on which Mr. Roosevelt's current term expires.

The bill would give the speaker, the vice president and cabinet officers \$20,000 a year and members of the congress \$15,000. This part would be effective Jan. 2, 1947, when the current congress expires.

Camp White Dance Schedule

Regular informal dance at Service Club No. 2 with SCU orchestra providing music.

PW's AID RED CROSS Camp Campbell, Ky., Feb. 27 (U.P.)—German prisoners of war have contributed \$3,800 to the American Red Cross.

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MIDNIGHT CURFEW WILL BE WATCHED BY LAW OFFICERS

City and county law enforcement officials have agreed to aid in seeking compliance with the new War Manpower commission curfew order according to Lewis Ulrich, head of the United States Employment service here and director of the WMC for Jackson county.

Ulrich stated today that he had conferred with Chief of Police Clatous McCredie, Mayor Clarence A. Meeker and Sheriff Syd I. Brown.

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WAR II VETERANS INITIATION TEAM AT LEGION MEET

Wednesday night's meeting of Medford Post No. 15 American Legion will see five World War II veterans in charge of the initiation planned for that night.

Under leadership of Dick Baize who will act as commander, the following World War II veterans will take part: George Hoag, 1st vice commander; Leon Jacobs, as second vice commander; H. W. (Herb) Crain as past commander, and Bob Littrell as sergeant-at-arms.

This will be the first initiation team composed entirely of veterans of the present war. Commander Harry Young urges all World War II veterans in Medford and vicinity to attend as well as all regular members of the post. The meeting will be held in the club rooms in the armory, after which a dutch lunch will be served by the refreshment committee. All visiting Legionnaires are welcome.

This will be the only regular business meeting for a month as the Legion together with Auxiliary will celebrate the 26th birthday of the American Legion on March 14 with a dinner and entertainment.

At the MarkKade

A "Forward March" party will be given at the MarkKade Wednesday night from 8 to 11 p. m. Each hostess attending is to bring a box supper for two, exclusive of cake and coffee which will be furnished.

Saturday night a dance will be held with Carl Winkbleck's new dance band furnishing music.

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

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 27, 1935 (It Was Wednesday) County officials report increase in payment of delinquent taxes, and purchase of dog licenses.

NRA loses collective bargaining battle with steel company. School aid surtax bill passed by lower house at Salem.

Unsettled with rain. High 36, low 34 degrees. Oregon State quit to play Trojans for Coast title.

Senior high school presents "Chimes of Normandy" before large audience in creditable manner. Farmers and orchardists need sunshine for early spring work.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY February 27, 1915 (It Was Friday) Admiral Sims declares battle-ship is obsolete, and vulnerable to plane attack. Praises General Mitchell but does not favor his plan for separate air force.

England may be involved in war with Turkey. Fair and cooler. High 58, low 36 degrees. Legislature adjourns after 46-day session.

Weather brings out gardening interest. Compulsory egg grade law now effective in state. County bankers meet at Ashland and elect V. O. N. Smith president.

Deer walks down street of Phoenix and jumps in Bear Creek. THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY February 27, 1911 (It Was Monday) Construction of Jackson and Roosevelt schools start.

Citizens urged to write East on "Colonists Day" March 1. Medford starts fight for new freight rates.

Records show that the first bulldozer manufactured and sold on a commercial basis was built by a Cedar Rapids, Ia., company in 1923 for use on the Dixie Highway in Kentucky.

GEM OF THE BLENDS MILLIONS SAY WHEN WITH William Penn BLENDED WHISKEY 45% GRAIN NEUTRAL SPIRITS GOODERHAM & WORTS LTD. Peoria, Illinois