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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Finland, the recipient of a couple of terrific trouncings at the hands of Russia, has declared war on Germany.

Chet Leonard was inducted into Grandpawhood Monday and exulted accordingly.

The Chinese are now using college-style yell leaders to inspire soldiers to war on the Japanese.

PATIENCE OF MAW (California Cultivator)
Our son Joe got mad in a few minutes when he was trying to teach Ma to drive.

The Older Girls have started spring housecleaning. Paper hangers are busier, than if they had the hives, and only one arm.

A shortage of slippers for men's trousers is now reported, and there are none too many pants buttons, the report further states gloomily.

MOTHER KNOWS BEST (Salem Statesman)
One of Salem's best dressed matrons tells this on herself. Recently she visited her son, wearing a lovely new feather spring hat.

This is to tell you how much I miss you, and how much I want to kill you. (Easton, Pa. News)—A sentimental, but rugged miscue.

The question of what should happen, when peace comes, to Emperor Hirohito of Japan, comes forward again.

WAS HIS FACE RED?
Forgetting the nature of his prison audience, the governor began in a usual manner: 'Fellow citizens—'

THREE BURN TO DEATH
Monrovia, Calif., March 6.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Rose Alonzo and her three young children moved into a new Monrovia home yesterday afternoon.

COL. GORRELL DIES
Washington, March 6.—(U.P.)—Funeral plans were made today for Col. Edgar Staley Gorrell, veteran World War I air force officer and president of the Air Transport Association of America, who died here yesterday after a brief illness. He was 54.

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Legging trees charred by a 1902 forest fire, Washington loggers found five million feet of timber still in merchantable condition.

Editorial Correspondence

Brawley, Cal., March 3: They have an appealing ditty on the juke-box here which reminds the undersigned poignantly of home. It is entitled: 'Leave the Dishes in the Sink Ma!' and is rendered by one 'Spike' Jones.

Huge trucks overflowing with lettuce and carrots, with a few heaping grapefruit trucks thrown in, go up and down the highway night and day. Over 10,000 cars of lettuce—that is railroad cars—over 6,000 of carrots, and over 1,000 cars of grapefruit are shipped from the Imperial Valley every year. Not bad business for the Southern Pacific!

But if we may be pardoned for saying so, the S. P. is just as popular here as in Medford! Over 50,000 carloads of soil products—cattle, sheep, poultry etc., not included—are shipped from this valley annually, but Brawley like Medford not being on the through line of the S. P., gets no better passenger service. And the people don't like it—not a little bit.

Took a walk out to the Del Rio golf club this morning, about two miles from town. Surprised to find a nice 18-hole course, and apparently all that section of the country was surprised to find someone walking to it. At least all the dogs along the highway barked, the women folk came to the windows to see what the noise was about and stared as if they had sighted an escaped P. W. The last straw was when we turned from the main highway into the golf club road and a couple of cows sighted us—gave a startled look and then beat it, tails in air and one of them we thought was going to jump the fence.

We have been trying ever since to dope it out—perhaps the trouble is we don't wear a cowboy hat or leather jacket—every other male in Brawley over the age of 6 months does. Whatever it is we don't—and didn't LIKE it. Reminded us of the familiar nightmares of yesteryear—being caught on the Main Stem in one's night shirt. We returned via taxi.

Did you ever hear of a mud holiday? Neither had we, but one was declared this rainy week for country schools. It seldom rains in the Imperial Valley but when it does this rich, silted river-bed (or is it ocean-bed?) soil certainly produces a slick and slippery mess. And surprisingly few of the feeder highways hereabouts are paved. With the result the school busses are unable to navigate, so no school for the boys and girls!

But according to the editor of the Brawley News (they have one daily here) no one likes it not even the liberated school children. Brawley couldn't exist without water, but it wants it via an irrigation ditch or pipe not via the 'Heavens Above'—the former can be regulated according to need, the latter can't.

The Brawley editor by the way is very sore at Time Magazine for mis-reporting the anti-Jap meeting held here a few weeks back.

Time, it seems, maintained at a mass meeting of 3500 Imperial Valley ranchers the speaker of the evening yelled: 'Do we want those yellow-bellied sons of heaven to come back to the Imperial Valley?'

Whereupon the 3500 assembled arose as one man and yelled 'NO!'

Such a meeting was held, according to the editor, but no such remark was made—no such answer given. A mild resolution was drawn up and adopted urging the authorities to send back no Japanese at this time, for fear such action in view of the feeling aroused against our enemies in the Pacific, might lead to serious trouble, but no such heat or hatred as claimed by Time was displayed. The sense of the meeting was: The present is no time to stir up the animals, let the decision about the return of the Japs be made when the war is over and tempers have cooled.

The editor printed a letter from a Brawley Jap who is now a staff sergeant in the U. S. Army, and has fought against the Axis ever since Pearl Harbor, protesting against the Time article closing as follows: 'Let it be known to those so-called Americans that nisei (Jap) soldiers have died for the cause of America. Again let it be known that the bullets of the enemy hold no prejudices against race, color or creed. As an American soldier of Japanese ancestry, who owns property in Brawley, attended the schools in Brawley and spent nearly all my life in Brawley I only ask for a fair chance that myself and my parents and brothers and sisters be given the right to live and earn a living like any other fellow Americans.'

(Signed) Lincoln T. Taira ASN 39166942.

Staff Sergeant Taira is 100% right! He is supported not only by his military record but by the Constitution of the United States in every word he writes.

Yet in spite of what the local editor says—and we don't doubt his report of the mass meeting is entirely correct—if we have doped out the prevailing sentiment of Brawley correctly in our brief stay here, and the temper of its inhabitants, we believe returning any Japs here now WOULD be a mistake.

That SHOULD not be the case, but we fear it IS! Practically every bungalow here has a service star in the window—some two or three—and these townsmen and ranchers hereabouts, are fine citizens, too, but a sort of frontier atmosphere prevails, and we don't believe they are what could be termed the PATIENT type.

At any rate its the better part of wisdom NOT to take a chance.

The racial problem, however, in a community like this is not a simple one for it has an economic basis. There are probably as many, or more, boys from here fighting the Germans as the Japs. We doubt very much, however, if there would be any objection to Germans coming here—even Germans who might have fought for Hitler. But the white man frankly can't compete with the Jap in a semi-tropical place like this either as a laborer or a land-owner. Or at least he WONT.

It is different with the Mexican, he isn't ambitious, but the Jap certainly is. The war naturally has accentuated this feeling, but the roots of it, we believe, are neither social nor racial but economic. Which doesn't make the problem an easier, but a harder one, to solve.

Since our arrival in California we have been impressed by the striking difference between the army and naval attitude toward the Japs. One would think the army, in much closer and deadlier contact with the 'yellow bellied apes' would be more bitter against them.

That is definitely not the case. We have talked with both sides and read scores of press interviews and almost without exception it is the navy man who hates and wants to exterminate the entire Jap race, while the army men, have no love for the monkeys, but are far less belligerent, and many of them, officers and privates, take pains to point out there are SOME good Japs. This has been noticeable among the returned prisoners as well—and certainly they should know the worst side of the Nipponese.

It is a curious thing, and as yet we have no inkling at all as to the cause of it.

It is clearing up and warming up—no doubt, the 'unprecedented' week of cold and rain is over. Even took a sun bath (partial) in the hotel patio—very nice there amid the palms, grapefruit and pepper trees, trellises of blooming sweet peas, azaleas and bougainvillee—but a pretty sketchy exhibit of grass.

R. W. R.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, March 6 — Biggest industry, by far, in the United States is education. In plant, this nation has invested \$14,223,489,985 (1940 figure) from the United States office of education compared with a paltry \$2,750,000,000 in plant of the No. 1 commercial industry, motor vehicles, bodies and parts.



We have put five times more money into the value of education production buildings from kindergarten through college, than in our vast and fabulous motors production, yet front page readers rarely notice this leading industry, and people generally pay little attention to it, although they own the stock in it.

ANNUAL operating cost of education is \$3,203,547,586 (same source, covering 1941-42), which is more than half the total of wages paid in every other industrial area in 1939. Yet practically every day you notice strikes and arguments about industrial wages.

For those we have labor boards, little steel formulas and great political agitation and interest. In the nation's largest industry, into which the public actually annually pays \$2,671,653,202 there is no comparable interest—and no comparable results.

There are other significant distinctions. The nation's largest industry is not run by business men.

The federal government, furthermore, acts vigorously to control inflation and deflation in all industries, excepting only this one, the biggest. A great watch is kept on the security, salaries and management of all businesses, except this one.

The school text book commissions must constitute a tremendous business, but no commissions nationally, watch it.

POSTWAR planning for industry is a primary occupation now, but this one is neglected excepting that more federal funds for building more schools are to be provided. The industry is practically unrepresented in Washington except for a few lobbying organizations seeking appropriations, and these are not managed by business men—indeed they could not furnish me with the figures above quoted.

I think it is clearly suggested by the other evidence that this industry is the least well managed as well as the least attended to.

It is time the stockholders in this business started paying more attention to their investment. It is time also that national leaders, citizens and even government started recognizing the vastness of the industry, its financial influence, its economic effects, as well as the efficiency of its production, rather than leaving all this authority and control spread around loosely and not only uncontrolled, but undisciplined in various uncoordinated hands.

It is time also that the workers in that industry, the teachers, realize that they are in the largest and more aggressively protect their economic rights and defend their leading political and economic position.

I certainly do not mean by this that they should join a union, and particularly not a union controlled by workers in lesser industries or their leaders.

For any group involving differentiations and attainments, I do not believe unions answer the need for leadership. For girls in a factory doing uniform work at the same machines, the leveling process of unionism fits well. But for teachers, doctors, law, writers, professions in which the ideal of individual achievement must be maintained and brilliance rewarded—I do not favor unionism, but I do favor the earnest search for wise leadership.

So I think the teachers should seek the wisest possible direction, politically and economically, a democratic leadership based on superiority of ability, rather than placing their cause upon the ground of sheer numbers as unions so often do. They are not masses, but individual personalities, capable of finding a joint expression in a way they will enjoy more and which should better serve their particular interests.

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Closing time for Classified Ads 4 p. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

RETURNING JAPS WIN LEASE SUIT TO REGAIN LAND

Oregon City, Ore., March 6.—(U.P.)—In the first decision involving Japanese-American ownership of land, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bergh, Boring, Ore., farmers, today were under circuit court order to return the farm they had leased from Masayuki Fujimoto, who has just come back from a relocation center.

Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourrette Monday directed the jury to find the Berghs guilty of forcible entry on the farm, near Boring, about 20 miles southeast of Portland. No other penalty was imposed, other than immediate return of the land to its owner.

The Berghs' attorney, Glen Jack, held that the lease obtained by them was for the duration—and not merely while the owner was absent. He indicated he will file an appeal.

The new ruling, if sustained, is expected to decide the future course of other farmers and businessmen who have leased property owned by Americans of Japanese descent.

Portland, Ore., March 6.—(U.P.)—S. Tsubota—who once was one of the largest fruit and produce farm operators in the mid-Columbia area at Maryhill, Wash., today was at the first Japanese wholesale and vegetable market in Portland.

Although there were no demonstrations, many of the buyers stood at a distance, curiously watching Tsubota dispose of his truckload of vegetables.

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.

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
March 6, 1935
(It Was Wednesday)
City to enforce license ordinances, as many firms are not paying fees.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, former supreme court justice, passes.

Rain, High 49, low 39 degrees.

Old Channel mine on Foots Creek sold.

W. A. Gates discusses archeology at Active club meeting.

Class B school basketball tournament to open in Ashland tomorrow.

Muddy condition of roads hamper spring work on farms.

Weather report shows February was a mild month, with hail one day, and three foggy.

Greek rebels threaten to bomb Athens.

THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY
March 6, 1925
(It Was Friday)
Sons of Teddy Roosevelt to hunt rare game in Asia.

Col. Fechet named to succeed Gen. Mitchell as head of air service.

Spring hats for the women shown by all stores.

Rain falls in the valley, and heavy snow reported in hills.

Floyd Hart is elected exalted ruler of the Elks.

Medford high five plays Ashland tonight in game that may decide southern Oregon title.

French take first steps under Versailles treaty to compel Germany to disarm.

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