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Editorial Correspondence

Los Angeles, March 26.—What has Palm Springs got that Los Angeles hasn't got? That is simple. L.A. has NOT got the P.S. climate. Let the local C. of C. kid themselves all they wish, but your correspondent KNOWS this: Palm Springs is dry,—climatically speaking,—and Los Angeles is not.

And now we have left, we would also like to pay this tribute to Palm Springs. All in all the visitor gets better treatment and more consideration in Palm Springs than almost anywhere else in California—at least in war times. They are a friendly lot there.

They have a movie here in L.A. called "On Approval." It is up at the Esquire theatre,—which appears to be the "Carnegie" of Los Angeles,—making a specialty of foreign films. A large sign on the entrance as well as in the newspaper advertisements "for adults only" has not impaired the patronage, apparently!

There isn't a line, or a situation, in the entire performance that would shock,—or for that matter interest,—any sophisticated adolescent that could be found within fifty miles of Pershing Square. Yet there is the come-on "adults only" and put on for a week's feature it has now played to packed houses for a solid month. Yes Puck had it! "What fools these mortals be!"

Later:— We knocked off there and went down to the hotel barbershop to get a haircut,—no Los Angeles Hotel clippers this time. About half-way through the ordeal the cashier,—looking as though she had just stepped out of a Hollywood beauty contest,—gave a squeal, dropped the phone and cried: "The Germans have QUIT!"

The reaction was very interesting—and surprising. The barber shop is a large one and was full of males,—in appearance at least largely of the T.B.M. variety and not a sign or a word or a sound from any of them. Only two inhabitants of the place reacted in addition to the cashier who went into a mild form of hysterics, a mixture of sobs and laughter, in which we distinguished something that sounded like "And now he will come home!"

Well in a small way here was a repetition of that false armistice report of November 1918, about a week or ten days before the official report came out. Although only a few in the barber shop displayed any emotion at the first report, it was a terrible let-down for all, when it proved to be a canard, and we should say as a guess that the tips for the day were thereby reduced by at least 500%, and the lacerated epidermises by approximately the same percentage.

As soon as brushed off we called up Bill Payette of the United Press to get the low-down. According to Bill it was not a newspaper reporter who garbled General Eisenhower's report, but some I.N.S. representative who went off the deep end, regarding a statement by President Roosevelt at his regular press conference today that no cabinet member should leave Washington at this critical hour of the war, he interpreting it to mean the President believed an armistice or German surrender imminent.

Well that is very likely what F.D.R. does—or did believe. The Germans might quit now at any time. But to say the Germans MIGHT quit, and to say they HAD are, needless to remark, two very different things! Of course this all will be old news by the time this letter is printed and the final clean-up may even be different than Payette's present one. As far as that is concerned the war in Europe may be over by then.

Mexicans Dicker For Jobs in U. S.
Mexico City, March 29 — (U.P.)—Conversations were opened today between Mexican and U.S. officials on contracting numbers of Mexican laborers for work in U. S. industries and on the railroads.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, March 29 — The manpower matter did not come out in final form from the congressional negotiators exactly as expected. The labor draft was defeated and buried, true enough. Mr. Roosevelt's recommendation was lost. But in its place, a new program was devised which is popularly advertised as a labor freeze. The title is not exactly accurate. It would freeze all labor excepting strikers, the ones whose labor is apt to matter most in war production (according to the bill's sponsors, who should know).

THEY proudly and officially proclaimed that exemption in both houses of congress. They said strikers do not terminate their employment, at least not legally, and, therefore, are beyond freezing. You would think then that the union leaders would be cheering. They are not. A. F. of L.'s Green calls it "a slave bill," and C. I. O. is also against it, as well as the manufacturers' association and the Chamber of Commerce (according to a house member who polled them all).

HENCE, Byrnes might not agree with the advocates of the program in congress and might try to use the legislation to freeze workers against strikes—in which case a court would have to decide, after the strike is over, no doubt. But Byrnes can and probably will delegate the authority to manpower McNutt, who might have other ideas.

IN short, the measure merely hands Mr. Byrnes a lot of strong-sounding but not very clear powers. It furthermore tells him to handle them for the following purposes: Section 2-A: "In order adequately to support the army and maintain the navy during the present war and to carry into effect the purposes of the declaration of war pledging all the resources of the nation to bring the conflict to a successful termination, every individual not in the armed forces shall have an obligation, when called upon to serve the nation in an activity essential to the war effort."

BUT the bill does not do that. The powers do not fit that purpose. It does not propose to draft anyone or in any way rally new workers. It does give Byrnes power to regulate hiring, rehiring, solicitation and recruitment of labor by employers. He can also put a ceiling on any plant out of business or put it on a small scale or large-scale business. Yet he cannot enforce the obligation to serve "on every individual."

How this new program happened to spring up is a secret of the congressional conferees, who have done little talking. My information is that the guiding sponsor of it on the inside was Senator Warren Austin, the Vermont republican who favors much more—a labor draft. I think he got his main inspiration from the army.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY March 29, 1935 (It Was Friday) Frank L. TouVelle of Jacksonville, former county judge slated for appointment to state highway commission. No more dancing in rural beer parlors, liquor control board rules. Medford school work on WPA project list. Fair and cooler. High 74, low 37 degrees. NRA bill drafted to prevent strikes. Gov. Martin opens state convave at Portland to study crime, and its prevention. Medford bowlers to take part in state bowling meet at Klamath Falls.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY March 29, 1911 (It Was Wednesday) Rush for seats for the "Merry Widow" at Medford theater Friday night. Harem skirt is here to stay says fashion expert. Three in this city. Horse belonging to A. K. Ware runs away on Main Street and is stopped by stranger.

WAVE Killed In Leap From Room San Francisco, March 29—(U.P.)—Seaman 2/c Georgia Triggs Busbee, 20, was killed early today when she jumped or fell from the 12th floor of the Wave barracks building in Sutter street, police reported. A few moments before her death, the young woman told a room mate that she intended to commit suicide, indicating she was unhappily married, police said.

NEW AIR RECORD Los Angeles, March 29—(U.P.)—A Constellation transport plane flew the 2,500 miles from Los Angeles to Miami in eight hours, five minutes yesterday, knocking 38 minutes off the previous record set Feb. 20.

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MONTGOMERY WARD

Man Who Planted Flag On Iwo Dies Tallahassee, Fla., March 29.—(U.P.)—Platoon Sgt. Ernest I Thomas, Jr., 21, of Tallahassee the first man to plant the stars and stripes on Iwo Jima's rocky Mt. Suribachi, was killed five days later, his mother has been informed by the marine corps. Thomas was killed on March 3, his 21st birthday.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS Medford and vicinity: Fair and slightly warmer tonight and Friday. Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer. Few light showers along north coast tonight. LOCAL DATA Temperature at Medford ago today: High: 74; lowest 34. Total monthly precipitation: 1.88 inches. Excess for the month: 63 inches. Total precipitation since September 1, 1944: 13.75 inches. Excess for the season: 79 inches. Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday: 89%; 4:30 today: 85%. Tomorrow Sunrise: 6:57 a. m., Sunset: 7:34 p. m. High Low Per: Boise 47 31 11 Boston 63 57 Chicago 76 48 13 Denver 52 28 28 Eureka 53 48 48 Havana 55 36 36 Los Angeles 69 43 01 Medford 53 34 New York 64 49 04 Omaha 78 50 Phoenix 44 28 Portland 56 38 Reno 52 33 Roseburg 55 35 05 Salt Lake 48 33 San Francisco 58 48 Seattle 55 37 06 Spokane 48 29 Washington, D. C. 64 58 Yakima 59 27

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