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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The end of the war in Europe is now predicted for early May. This would put many citizens in a quandary. They would have to decide, whether to use their gasoline to drive out to the fishing hole, and hoe their Victory garden, or join the peace parade to California, where liquor sales are unregulated.

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Geese were heard honking overhead, and at two prominent railroad crossings late last evening.

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The Public Enemy caught farming in Lane county, was tall enough and young enough to be a bean-pole center on a college basketball center.

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A Gentle Reader wants to know what has become of the Dionne quintuplets. They have disappeared as completely, as the eminent French traitors, Messrs. Petain and Laval.

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The season of the year is fast approaching, when the C. Pheasants and the crows, allegedly eat up the corn faster than farmers can plant it.

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MA NATURE KNOWS BEST
(Salem Statesman)

"Mamma Bunny has it all over Mrs. Jones. Try as she could, Mrs. Jones seemed to be unable to find much to deck out the little Joneses with for Easter but all the dozens of little bunnies on the dealers' shelves appear well dressed. Maybe Mrs. Bunny doesn't know there's a war on, or else the WPB doesn't know that the bunnies have any clothes on."

—(Maxine Buren).

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The German people are now eating weeds, said to contain 'high vitamins so essential to the war effort." This is one weed control system, the college professors did not think of first.

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The war with Japan is nearer over, than generally suspected. High Australian officials have started predicting, 'it will take considerable time.'

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Argentina, the 'good neighbor' has been officially 'whitewashed,' and given "a clean bill of political health" to the Frisco parley. It was one of the most rapid purifications in history. It has not been revealed how much it cost America.

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Names of high school students attending the state basketball tournament at Salem last month, who scribbed and chiselled their names on the state capitol walls, have been turned over to their schools. This is listed as 'vandalism.' The offenders seem to have inherited the tendency of their elders to sign any old petition, without reading, and just to be signing their name.

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"WOMAN SPEAKER OF WIDE AREA VISITS"—(Hdline Exchange)—Listen, Mr. Editor, that is none of your business!

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WONDERFUL BARITONES

"In the soft, far-heard, chirping of the frogs in the quiet marshy places it has come. Into the warm, peaceful silence of the spring evening it breaks, calling forth to tempt the blood of youth to adventure and to romance. It is a call more potent than the singing of robins or the cooing of doves, or the blooming of lilacs—it is the voice of the great Silence breaking forth in miniature, telling of the coming again of new life which is to fire and refine the blood."

—(Emporia Gazette).

The first American enlisted man to enroll in the University of Rome—a 50-year-old sergeant—took a course in archeology.

Postwar Jobs Hinge On Schools

Babson Says Committees Need Shot of Plasma

By Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, Mass., April 2—(Special Correspondence) — Our President and the Congress, I respectfully submit, are sadly in error if they believe that our domestic Problem Number One will be to find 60 million jobs. That might be relatively easy. The really tough core of the post-war crisis will be to find 60 million people — or even half that number — who are equipped to fill jobs! By all odds the most likely material for employment will be the returning servicemen: They are truly trained.

Neither warfare nor peacetime business has any real use for highschool hoodlums who are physically unconditioned, mentally unequipped, and spiritually undisciplined and unprincipled. Our major post-war worry will be these barrel-bottom scrapings, for they will not only be unemployed, but unemployable. How are the schools going to dispose of the worthless product which they have manufactured?

"EDUCATION" WORM-EATEN

It is not my intention to scold. In fact, I can frame no criticism half so caustic as the stark conditions that shock you on every hand. For several generations now, our flatulent educational systems have been under test. By war's pressure we have been forced at least to audit and appraise the end results. They are stunningly inadequate—as might have been predicted by any personnel officer, employer, or analyst of social trends. Rather than wait until dire crisis bursts upon us, is it not more sensible to face this potential disaster in advance, while remedy and repair are still possible?

Matchless opportunity is open to the schools to recognize and toil up anew for improved performance. War has liquidated some things and liquified all things. In this current flux, the school committees have an ideal chance to redeem themselves,—if only they will devote themselves to reform instead of defense, alibi, and apology. Better schooling is a prime step toward fuller employment.

MILITARY SHOWS

You have been reading, as I have, accounts of the all but incredible effects of the specialized training given to Army and Navy personnel. Literally armies of men have received such training in hundreds of courses sovering languages, mathematics, and technical skills. Compared with the corresponding records of traditional schooling these new military methods have proved their startling superiority. Subject for subject, the service trainees have absorbed far more knowledge and wisdom in far less time. This training has taken advantage of up-to-date aids; viz. films, records, models, —unknown to the old red schoolhouse. Yet it has forced the men to THINK.

If our school committees jump to install movies, soundies, and whatnot, but otherwise refuse to mend their ways, I forecast they will only score a more spectacular failure. Behind and beneath the near-miracles achieved by Army and Navy instruction is the radical difference in basic attitude of both teacher and taught. In the old fable, the hare out-raced the fox, because the fox was running merely for his dinner while the hare was running for his life.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES KEY

Why have our educators, broadly speaking, failed throughout all these many years to inspire their civilian trainees with the vital purpose of education? In my view, this tragic inability to reach and fully teach their pupils can be traced back chiefly to one agency. I would pin this school guilt primarily upon the school committee. You know and I know of good committees and good members of shabby committees; — but let us talk the law of averages.

As long as control rests in the clutch of individuals who intellectually and spiritually are scandalously unfit, there is scant hope that the schools can be renovated by powerless superintendents, under-privileged teachers, absentee parents, and immature pupils. The educational stream remains polluted at its springs. The employment problem will be to procure employable people. To attain this, de-louse the school committees. Spotlight members of the shady, self-seeking political brand and give them dishonorable discharge.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 3—Senators said a lot more than they would allow news men to publish about the developing Russian attitude on peace.

Paul Mallon

With difficulty some curbed a full expression of their views. I do not mean just the isolation senators, if any are left, but the strongest advocates of world co-operation, indeed the senate in general, if not in unanimity.

The commonest conclusion is that Russia is now publicly backing down on the proposals for a new world order. The point which upset most of the senators was the announcement from the White House that Russia and the United States were to have three votes and Britain six in the large assembly of nations which will number 46 to perhaps 55.

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SENATOR Vandenberg's heavily-restrained statement was based on a thought he did not press fully, namely that the smaller nations would lose confidence if the large nations started vote-grabbing.

Their confidence in some instances has been running a little short of enthusiastic since the setup was announced, allowing the council of the large nations atop the assembly to decide all important issues, with the assembly only making recommendations.

Perhaps another point likely to prove more important eventually is how the smaller nations are likely to divide in any conflict of interests arising between the conference-shy Russia, Britain and the United States. An accurate count could not be made, not even by those state department insiders who could guess the preferences of every government established and to be established everywhere in the world.

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THE Russians seem by their actions to suspect we will control the 21 Latin American republics, but on the final showdown, who can say how they would go? Anyone can see and say that Russia is getting a varying control over Finland, Latvia, Esthonia, Lithunania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, the Balkins and the rest of Europe.

Indeed, some senators, joking in the cloakroom, have observed that it looks as if Mr. Roosevelt might have meant, a few years back, that we have a permanent frontier on the Rhine as the Russians seem bent on moving their sphere of influence practically up to where Hitler had his.

But there are communist elements in many Latin nations, and British, Dutch and French influence in others. A critical test on a point of straight cleavage might leave the vote very close.

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CERTAINLY the mere raising of the issue of vote-boosting in the assembly is bound to focus attention on the influence of the large nations over the small from now on. To me, however, this is a secondary matter to the action of Russia in declining to send a minister of the rank of the other powers to the San Francisco conference.

The soviet ambassador Gromyko, who will go in place of Foreign Minister Molotov, said his choice did not mean Russia had decided not to take the conference seriously, but, frankly, no one I have found here believes his denial. How could they?

To a diplomat, the choice of a man of smaller rank to deal with one of higher, is a polite or at least indirect insult. The president had to go to Yalta to see Stalin, but Stalin sends an ambassador to conclude the final peace arrangements, at a conference which Mr. Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt announced they would attend.

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WE are taking three votes for no other reason than that Russia is taking three, as we do not even pretend that any subdivision of our country requires the additional votes, as Russia did when she divided her country into 16 autonomous republics suspiciously, and then demanded 16 votes.

Now senators may feel they cannot say these things aloud because official attention could be drawn to them, but certainly no one can longer pretend that their feelings do not exist or that to tell them is anti-Russian.

THIEF WARNED

Los Angeles, April 3.—(U.P.)—A thief was warned today by police that his loot may bring retribution or even death. Sixteen small platinum tubes, containing 125 milligrams of radium, valued at $3,500, were stolen yesterday from the office of Dr. Wilmot Robinson, a cancer specialist.

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

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
April 3, 1935
(It was Wednesday)

Austria takes steps to increase size of army. Pan-European Federation proposed to avert war.

Rain comes, and keeps frost away. More predicted. High 64, low 40 degrees.

Fewer families require aid since January. Those on relief who fail to plant gardens will be penalized.

President on fishing trip to Bahamas has no luck.

Re-surfacing of North Riverside avenue delayed by rain.

Coast league baseball to start Saturday.

State drops Copco rate probe.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
April 3, 1925
(It was Friday)

France rejects inflation scheme, and upholds Premier Herriott.

Probable rain. High 61, low 47 degrees.

Major Archibald Livingston and sister, arrive from New York. They will make their residence near Jacksonville.

Construction of auto display store room at Eighth and Bartlett started.

Doubt Crater Lake Rim road will be opened before August 15.

Dr. Gitzen's auto is stolen.

William J. Warner re-appointed postmaster.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
April 3, 1911
(It was Monday)

Hill line surveyors at work near Crescent City.

Lawyers seek a pretext to open Rogue to commercial fishing.

Democrats say President Taft is "Tool of Wall Street."

Production of Civilian Goods May Top Prewar Level Soon After V-E

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By Joseph Laitin
United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington, April 3 — (U.P.) — There were strong indications today that production of civilian goods would climb back to prewar levels—and surpass them—in the year following defeat of Germany.

But that still will not mean a return to the peacetime standard of living for Americans.

It will take at least two or three years, in the opinion of many officials, to satisfy the pent-up demand in this country alone for automobiles, radios, refrigerators and similar items. And some of this production will be earmarked for export.

In the first few months after V-E day, the increase in civilian goods will hardly be apparent to the man on the street. But as the war production program adjusts itself to the reduced needs of a one-front war, the output of civilian goods should swell to gigantic proportions.

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, in his weekend report to congress, estimated that 30 per cent of the nation's resources in materials would be available for civilian production within nine months after the end of the war in Europe. As facilities are released from war work, these materials will find their way into the durable goods that have virtually disappeared from the American scene since Pearl Harbor.

Byrnes gave the American people this post V-E day preview:

The midnight curfew, the prohibition against racing and the brown-out of commercial lighting will be lifted. But the high tax on transportation and the ban on convention travel will continue, as will controls on manpower, wages and prices.

There may be a "small increase" in the basic gasoline ration.

Pork Production Takes Heavy Skid

Chicago, April 3—(U.P.)—The American Meat Institute said today that hog marketing and production of pork for interstate commerce last month were 50 per cent less than in March, 1944.

Overall meat production for March totalled 1,210,000,000 pounds, the institute said. This was 27 per cent less than in March, 1944.

In its monthly review of the livestock and meat situation, the institute said 3,665,000 fewer hogs were marketed last month and 471,000,000 pounds less of pork were produced for interstate shipment than for the same month last year.

GERMAN GENERAL

Zurich, April 3.—(U.P.)—A dispatch from Chiasso on the Italian frontier quoted informed Italian sources today that a General Sichtenhoff had assumed command of the German army forces in Italy.

FLYNN IN LONDON

London, April 3.—(U.P.)—Edward J. Flynn, national democratic leader, arrived today from Paris and planned to leave for the United States at the end of the week. He declined to comment on his plans for the trip.

WEATHER

Northern California—Clear today, tonight, and Wednesday except local afternoon cloudiness over mountains, slightly warmer afternoons, but local light frosts in valleys tonight.

VERMONT TO PAY VETERANS

Montpelier, Vt., (U.P.) — Trifty Venmonters have put aside a $2,500,000 fund for returning veterans, who will get $10 for each month they were in uniform, with a $120 maximum.

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IATSE Racketeers Refused Review

Washington, April 3—(U.P.)—The supreme court today refused to review anti-racketeering convictions against seven former members of the International Association of Theatrical and Stage Employes for the extortion of more than $1,000,000 from several major film producing companies.

The IATSE members appealed from a second circuit court of appeals decision affirming their convictions in New York federal court. They contended they were given an unfair trial and that proof of their guilt was inadequate. Those appealing were Louis Compagna, Paul De Lucia, Phil D'Andrea, Charles Gioe, John Rosselli, Louis Kaufman and Francis Maritote.

BERLINERS CONVINCED

Stockholm, April 3.—(U.P.)—Travelers from Berlin said today that the Russian breakthrough before Vienna had convinced most Berliners that the total collapse of Germany's eastern front was near.

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Mexico Harsh With Ceiling Violators

Mexico City, April 3 — (U.P.) —The Federal District Price Control Commission announced it will intensify its drive against ceiling violators, speculators and black marketeers this month. Jail sentences will be stepped up with heavy fines, cancellation of trading permits and deportation in case the violator is a foreigner, Antonio E. Sanchez, commission chairman, announced.

Sanchez claimed his committee has reduced living costs 24 points from the 62 point increase registered in the first 10 months of 1944.

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