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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

German civilians, under Allied army orders, are now forced to give decent burials to the thousands of torture victims of savage Nazi brutality. This causes them to howl louder than they did at any victory speech of Herr Hitler.

Citizens of Oakland, Cal., have started objecting to the presence of Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay. The inmates of the federal institutions have a double jointed complaint.

EVERYBODY HAPPY ITEM (Del Norte (Cal.) Triplicate)
"The welcome change in the weather the past few days caused Guy Mentry to think he is some prognosticator for he is stressing the fact that he called our attention to the robin he saw a few days ago. We don't care who gets the credit as long as we get the sunshine."

Kraut prisoners of war in an Idaho camp have ended a strike, launched because they objected to a non-commissioned officer giving them orders. They would not dare to be so unruly in their native land. A firing squad would have engaged in some sunrise target practice.

Farmers have finished planting their barley. This includes "bearded barley" as well as the kind that don't need shaving.

Mexico's delegation to the world security conference are playing a vital role in the negotiations. Prejudice against the watch charm sized and hairless Mexican dogs should not enter into the argument and sidetrack the cooperative spirit.

Secretary of Commerce Wallace reports he has always believed in the "philosophy of abundance." His "philosophy" of killing off all the little pigs, when thousands were broke, jobless and hungry was never understood by the American public it seems.

"The question is not where civilization began, but when will it?" (SatEvePost).—The same logic can be used on the Darwinian theory that man sprang from a monkey. What counts is where he will spring to.

The post-war auto will weigh and cost half as much and go twice as fast and far as the current models, a Standard Oil executive reports. All this will enable a speed idiot to get to the scene of an accident before it can happen.

The report of the rugged navy boatswain who is convalescing from being crushed by a 8000 pound boat falling on him, is amazing, and a medical feat to cheer. He sustained two broken legs, his heart and backbone were knocked out of line, and vital organs were turned upside down. The same thing has happened to the republican party in the last four presidential elections.

The town of Blessing, in Texas, was named when an early settler remarked that "This was a blessing" as officials announced a railroad would be built through the section.

Editorial Correspondence

Mexico City, April 15—Memorial services for President Roosevelt are being held here today. Yesterday most of the important stores closed, including the famous Sanborn's, while flags on all official buildings are at half-mast.

Perhaps history will reveal the people of Mexico had a finer appreciation of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and realized what he was, and what he stood for, better than the people of his own country—at least a great many of them.

Of course, there is a reason other than political. President Roosevelt was the first American President to really visit Mexico, to go out of his way to make friends with Mexico, and we believe, to understand Mexico—that is, modern Mexico.

Whether the idea originated with President Roosevelt or with former Secretary Hull, the policy of his administration toward Mexico has been based upon a realization of the wrongs done Mexico in the past, and a sincere desire to treat Mexico not as an inferior, but an equal—a nation whose sensibilities and traditions had not been respected in the past, but were to be in the future.

Regardless of politics—and we opposed Roosevelt for both a third and fourth term—we have had a feeling of genuine pride and gratification the past few days that a president of our country should be so highly regarded and sincerely mourned by the citizens of another country.

A little hill town called Taxco—pronounced Tass-co—has taken the place of Cuernavaca as the popular resort town since we were last here. And deservedly, for it is not only unspoiled and un-touristy, as was true of Cuernavaca 15 years ago, but it has one of the most charming little inns, stuck high up on the side of a hill like a swallow's nest, your correspondent has ever seen.

Speaking of Mexican movies, the prize winning Bing Crosby in "Going My Way" is still playing down town here, and has been for over a month. From the posters in front you would never recognize Bing—he has been made around six feet tall, with a lean, bronze Spanish face, dark eyes and a soulful look beneath a huge caption announcing "EL BUEN PASTOR!"

But Cuernavaca, where we stopped en route, is just another swank tourist resort place now. The Borda restaurant with its beautiful gardens and Queen Carlotta "swimming pool" is no more—there are a score of fine hotels, golf courses and tourist shops, now making a specialty of non-rationed footwear!

And with real regret we must demote Xochimilco also from the place it held on our first visit. Everyone told us there was nothing doing out there except Sunday, so we devoted our last Sabbath to the floating gardens—the gardens which supply Mexico City with vegetables and flowers, and where the Indians still own their own land and no one can take it from them.

Here's a tip to prospective visitors to Mexico City. Go out to Xochimilco any day BUT Sunday. In other words, go out when there is nothing doing—nothing but the flowers and the canals and the boats and the husky little Indian boys and the pretty Indian girls, and there are no tourists within 3000 miles! For it is naturally a very beautiful, colorful and unusual part of Mexico—and if it had not been cheapened and commercialized would still be one of the major attractions down here.

And that little Indian boy who poled our canoe all over the canals, never stopping to ease his arms or get his breath. And how old do you think he was? FOURTEEN! And his papa met him when we came back and scolded him for something and the boy's face puckered up and he was about to cry. But he didn't. We gave him an extra peso to cheer him up, but that didn't either.

Talk about child labor! These Mexican Indians start to work as soon as they can walk and it is no easy work either. The girls, too, we have seen at least a thousand Indian girls not over 10 years of age, carrying and tending their baby sisters—or brothers—packing them about, when they should be in school learning how to read and write.

But that is one thing the 1910 revolution accomplished for Mexico—better education. In fact, just how red Mexico is we could not say—as yet—but one thing it has borrowed from Soviet Russia is all to the good, and that is the fight against disease and illiteracy. There is still much to be done—but there is far better health and far better schooling in Mexico than there was 16 years ago—and is there anything more important, really, for any nation than better health and better education. If there is we can't think what it might be at the moment.

Strolled over to Chapultepec park and back. What a change there! On our first visit to Mexico Chapultepec park was a place for the haute monde parade, the señoritas in their new Paris gowns, the proud dowagers with their lorgnettes and pearls, "Papa" with the latest in top hats and imported cars. Today the park is given over to the people, particularly Mama, Papa and the kids, who bring their lunch baskets and then while Papa and Mama take a snooze the children play on the cool, green grass.

Murals by Rivera are all over Mexico City and environs, and as before stated, we saw him working at the Presidential Palace where he was working 16 years ago. He was painting in a section of wall which had been drawn in detail in crayon, but stopped only a few minutes after our arrival so we could see little of how the great man really performs. The thought passed through our mind that perhaps we had seen as great an artist in his particular line as Leonardo da Vinci was in all his many lines—a more versatile genius never lived, and perhaps those who watched the immortal Leonardo were no more thrilled or impressed than we. But surely Leonardo looked more the great man and the great artist than Rivera—Rivera, in fact, looks like the village butcher trying his

hand at a bit of housepainting for a change! Not that looks have anything to do with it, but it is a help when a great man in any line looks the part, and something of a disappointment when he doesn't. —R.W.R.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

San Francisco, April 24—Russia's excuse for at first deciding to send an inferior ranking diplomat to this world conference was never made public, but it was passed privately and officially to Mr. Roosevelt and State Secretary Stettinius.



the foreign minister in the Soviet setup but the second man of the Stalin government. Stalin well knew the conference probably would last a couple of months instead of the advertised four or five weeks, and he said he could not spare Molotov from his side for so long a period just at the critical time of victory in Europe, and because his government is desperately short-handed on diplomats.

When he took this position, Churchill also assumed it, and said he could not spare his foreign minister Eden either.

NOW it has been assumed Mr. Truman caused Stalin and Churchill to change their minds later about the necessity of sending their top-ranking men to this meeting. This is not true.

Actually, Mr. Roosevelt got Churchill to change before his death, or his state secretary Stettinius did. Several days before Eden's coming was made known, Churchill had been persuaded to send him.

No announcement was made, however, and Eden came over to the funerals and proceeded to San Francisco as if he had expected to come all along. Announcements of the matter were smothered and deliberately made obscure in order that the change not be conspicuous.

After Mr. Roosevelt's death Stettinius and Truman decided to send a personal message to Stalin asking him also to reconsider and send Molotov, and their stratagem worked. Stalin may well have reasoned the changes forecast by Mr. Roosevelt's death and the coming of Mr. Truman might well justify the long sacrifice of his right-hand man in order to establish fresh contacts.

NOW, I have learned on unquestionable authority that Stalin did not present in this case any position against small nations. Indeed, I am told, that in none of the previous American negotiations with Russia, has she offered such a course as representing officially her policy. Neither has Churchill gone that far.

At the same time, both have said by every action, if not by word, that they expect the Big Three to run the world. This attitude has not startled our principals apparently.

The Big Three control not only the military but the industrial power of the postwar world. Russian emphasis has been on this point in all dealings, although she has presented no concrete propositions on it. Her idea is that no matter what is done otherwise, the Big Three necessarily must control anyway. She seems to say:

"We have the power and we will use it in the interests of the small nations; no assumption of position in the matter is necessary."

OUR principals have been inclined to accept this as true, yet in the case of Poland, the Balkans, and indeed every small nation, we have pursued the cause of democratic freedom for small nations in contrast to Russian action inclined to fold them under her wing.

I can report further that American officialdom has seen no evidence that the British have been drawn any closer to the Russian idea of under-the-wing liberty for small nations

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Legion Commander Going to Powwow

Albany, N. Y., April 24 — (UP) — National American Legion Commander Edward N. Scheberling prepared to leave today for San Francisco where, at the request of Secretary of State Stettinius, he will represent the Legion at the World Security conference.

Scheberling said that the success of the conference was the "foremost objective" of the Legion.

Livestock

Portland, April 24 — (UP) — Livestock: Cattle, 100; calves, 15; early supply mostly cows, opening sales steady, steers quiet steady at Monday's 25; common light grass steers \$12.50-14; medium heifers \$14.25; load good 500-lb. grass cows \$15.50; common cows active \$10-11; cutters \$9; canners \$7-8; medium sausage bulls \$10-11; calves, 25; Firm. Good to hot vealers quiet. Extreme top \$17.25; better yearlings \$17; best fed steers \$12.25 to \$12.50; two deers a good to choice \$8 lbs. \$14.25, extreme top \$15.50; sheep again very scarce.

Chicago, April 24 — (UP) — (WFA) — Livestock: Hogs, 7,000. Active, fully steady; good and choice barrows and gilts 140 lbs. and up at \$14.75 ceiling; good active choice sows at \$17.50. Cattle, 7,500; calves, 1,000. Fed steers and yearlings, including yearling heifers strong to 25 cents higher; top steers active at advance; cows 10 to 15 cents up; bulls 15 to 25 cents higher; top steers \$17.85; best yearlings \$17.25; better yearlings \$17; best fed steers \$12.25 to \$12.50; two deers a good to choice \$8 lbs. \$14.25, extreme top \$15.50; sheep again very scarce.

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S. F. DAIRY PRICES San Francisco, April 24 — (UP) — Dairy Market: Butter: 93 score 43, 82 score 42 1/2, 80 score 42 1/4, 89 score 41 3/4. Cheese: Loafs 27.9, triplets 27.2. Eggs: Large grade A 40 1/2, medium grade A 37 1/2, small grade A 35 1/2, large grade B 37 1/2.

Wall Street New York, April 24 — (UP) — Stocks rose to 8-year highs today on increased turnover as Wall Street awaited word of a junction of American and Russian forces on the Berlin front expected to herald V-E Day.

War and peace stocks alike participated in the general advance. Railroad stocks led in volume and their average hit a new top since June 10, 1937. Utilities with small gains went into a new high since July 31, 1937 and the industrial list was at its best level since September 16, 1937. These gains lifted the

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