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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The report Germany had surrendered, was branded bogus by the president Saturday evening. It was based upon a statement by a senator from Texas, who seems to have prematurely talked through his hat, and felt bad about it afterwards. He had the right sow by the ear, but at the wrong time. Bigger and better rumors have been hatched and unleashed in this very burg. None, however, gained world wide circulation, and were quashed by the chief executive of the nation.

Farmers of the McMinnville area will open a sheep shearing school next week. To test the sharpness of their shears, they can whack off the wool, pulled over their own eyes by the politicians.

PROFESSIONAL PRIDE (Pendleton East Oregonian)
"Hugh Medlock, now held in \$500 bonds, says he resents the accusation that he appropriated to his use a large number of horses. He says he secured only enough for his immediate needs. He attributes his recent capture to having a poor horse under him, and said if he had had a good horse he could have eluded all the officers in eastern Oregon."
—(50 Yrs. Ago col.)

Delegates to the world security parley in San Francisco, due to the tenseness of the world situation, will shorten their deliberations, and hurry home. At first, it looked like the conference would eclipse the last session of the Oregon legislature as an endurance talkathon.

The C. Wig Ashpole boy Charles was 12 years old Saturday. He is a junior horseman, and can straddle his old saddle, and sing "Don't Fence Me In."

"One night last week a car driven by somebody collided with one Mr. W. B. Guthrie, while walking toward his home, so I understand."
—(Buefort (N.C.) News) — Ye cautious scribe.

The trout season opened Saturday and if all the fishing poles unlimbered had been upright in an alfalfa field, it would have been a bamboo jungle.

OR, ANYBODY ELSE (S. F. Examiner)
"Hedda Hopper, the 'Mad Hatter' of Hollywood, is here to cover the conference. . . 'What do I know about world peace? I have a hard time keeping it in my own family.' Miss Hopper is busy today unpacking the tools of her trade—three dozen hats and incidentally a typewriter."

The metropolis reports two mid earth tremors Sunday. The earth is not supposed to shimmy, except in California, from which it was fleeing, or was headed.

GRIN AND BEAR IT, ITEM
"Our fourteen patients who were listed last week seem to be doing as well as weather and general conditions will allow, though the heavy wind has prevented some of them from taking their much-enjoyed sun-bath during the week. As that is something over which they have no control, it is accepted without censure."
—(Del Norte (Calif) Tripletic).

The first telephone line in Texas extended from the editorial rooms of the Galveston News to the home of Col. A. H. Belo, publisher of the Galveston News and its successor, the Dallas News.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 p. m.—Copy Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, April 27: One sometimes wonders whether this is a conference to secure universal peace or a conference to secure pictures of Big Shots who are trying to get it.

As at the national political conventions these flash-light camera men are a pain-in-the-neck, disturbers of the peace and a general all-around pest. "A law should be passed" to prohibit them flashing and snapping at a nice man like Mr. Anthony Eden when he is trying to make a speech—and succeeding in making a very good one—but probably none will be. And nerve! These candid camera boys will set off a flare and snap the shutters on the foreign minister of Chile as he asks for a moment of silent meditation to reverse and honor the name and career of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt! And then when he is startled and resentful, laugh in fiendish glee and beat it for the nearest developing room.

Even the photogenic Secretary Stettinius—who looks rather like an enlarged and staturesque edition of Charlie Chaplin—has no control over them. Some people think HE is running this conference but he really isn't. The camera boys are—they are all over the place and do exactly as they please, and from soup to nuts—believe it or not—they take precedence over EVERYTHING and EVERYONE!

Of course we are for peace. Who isn't? But before it is universal we hope open season will be declared on all news and movie photographers at serious gatherings of this sort, and we can join in a little innocent machine-gun spraying on the cult, with a few rocket bombs thrown in for good measure! The world we are sure would be a much nicer place without them—or most of them!

Which reminds us. There was a near fist fight in our section of the press gallery at the conference this afternoon. A newspaper man from South America left his seat, with the explanation to his companion to hold it for him and he would be back soon. A man and woman came down the aisle looking for seats and spied this one—they are scarce when convention time approaches—the woman declaring to no one in particular that no seats were reserved and would someone take up the hat and coat left in this seat so she could occupy same.

The South American friend refused to comply declaring his companion would return soon. Whereupon Mrs. Battlexe called on her companion and the usher to enforce the law and secure the seat for her—or there would be hell to pay. That isn't the world she used but it was definitely the idea, and she meant it too.

Well, if the friend had not appeared at that precise moment and slipped into his seat, no one knows what might have happened for it looked like the time-honored problem of an irresistible force meeting an immovable body. As a friend on our left remarked when the fur started to fly—or seemed on the way—it was no way to behave at a PEACE conference. It wasn't. We may be accused of triviality but the fact remains that right THERE is a perfect example of why it is so much easier to TALK about permanent peace than SECURE it.

After all nations are nothing more than groups of individuals—and when two individuals and one of them a woman, are ready to fight for a seat at a peace conference—well there is your problem! The fighting instinct has very deep roots in the body and soul of the genus homo.

WHAT a day!
A press conference with Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, first woman cabinet minister of India, at the Mark Hopkins this a.m., another press conference with Molotov at the St. Francis, after lunch; then the press conference at 3:30 and a hectic session of the Town Meeting of the Air at five, in which a very distinguished group including Commander Stassen, Commentators Swing, H. V. Kaltenborn, William Shirer and Chairman Connelly of the State Foreign Relations committee took part.

And what did it all add up to? Well, talk, talk, and still more talk. Important talk—interesting talk—but talk just the same. Words, words, and still more words. Your correspondent is suffering from acute verbal indigestion this evening.

Mrs. Pandit, sister of the famous Nehru, the great Indian leader, is, we should say, a person completely without a sense of humor, and therefore better calculated to delay rather than hasten Indian independence. One interrogator she ordered expelled from the room, an Indian by the name of Khan, because he represented no official organization or newspaper, and while she accused the British government of intolerance and tyranny, we would dislike very much to have to live under a government controlled by Mrs. Pandit. Oh, yes, we may be doing the lady an injustice, but that was the impression she made on your correspondent.

The Molotov interview—well, Comrade Molotov doesn't talk English and we don't talk or understand Russian, and while his remarks were translated and to some apparently, clarified the Polish question, to us, it was a lot of double-talk—yes, no, perhaps and maybe. The morning papers may throw a revealing light on it all—we hope so—for we would really like to know where Russia stands on this Polish question. But aside from the repeated claim there had been no change as far as Russia is concerned since the Big Three agreement at Yalta, it was our impression that Com-missar Molotov talked a great deal and said absolutely nothing.

Brother Kaltenborn has always been one of our pet aversions as a news commentator, but we have to admit that in this afternoon's Town Meeting he stood out head and shoulders above all the others, with the possible exception of Joe Grew who spoke from Washington, and we thought with considerable dignity, sincerity and forcefulness. Kaltenborn was quick-witted, direct, concise and realistic. His answers to questions would do credit to a champion trial lawyer, he never appeared ruffled or flustered, in complete command of the situation at all times—a lot on the ball H. V. had, it seemed to yours truly.

Swing was good too, and we have an idea was right regarding England being forced to play second fiddle in the New World to Russia and the U. S. A. But while he started out admirably his finish, it seemed to us, was weak. But what an audience, and nearly as many outside the Civic Auditorium as in.

Well it was—and is—all very interesting. There before one's eyes history was being made, some of the biggest men of this generation there "in person" and genuine progress being made—no doubt—of that. "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

But it is so easy to TALK world peace, and so hard to GET it! Dr. Soong of China hit the nail on the head, to our way of thinking, when he said the United Nations, if they really want world peace must be willing to sacrifice some of what is known as their national sovereignty to get it—give that to a super state to enforce a peace.

The same idea was expressed by one of the speakers at the Town Meeting when he remarked that all nations are for world peace until they have to sacrifice something to get it.

That goes back to a point we have stressed in this column for a great many years. The world will have peace when the people of the world care enough about it to be willing to fight and die for it—and not UNTIL then!

It is easy now. With Germany beaten and Japan on the ropes with practically all the world weakened by the most terrible conflict in human history, what nation—or nations—will threaten the peace of the world for a generation at least? The answer is none.

But one of these days the world will be strong again. And with that restored strength new desires and national ambitions will arise. And if it is still a competitive world—a nationalistic world—then the big test will come, not in this generation and probably not in the next, but eventually.

Then what is done here at San Francisco in the next few weeks will meet its acid test—not today, not tomorrow, not for many years to come.

That is why it is so vitally important that what is done here, should be with a far ahead look, should as far as it is humanly possible, anticipate the changes the future will bring, and the organization be sufficiently adjustable and elastic, therefore, to stand up without breaking before those changes.

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 30, 1935
County Homemakers conference opens with 174 in attendance.

Unsettled with rain. High 59, low 44 degrees.
Current rain boon to crops in valley.

Medford Merchants to play colored team here next week.
M. N. Hogan gives Rotary club talk on finances.

Roland Hubbard, Sam Jennings, and Clem Childers back from trip to Diamond Lake.
Gov. Martin to give radio talk Friday night at Corvallis farm session.

Senate orders probe of federal relief money spending.
TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
April 30, 1925
Fruit killed by heavy frost in middle west.

Fair and cooler. High 79, low 41 degrees.
City schools to close for summer vacation, May 27.

Prink Callison re-hired as Medford high school coach.
"Alburtus", magician, blindfolded drives car through streets of city.

European nations fear May Day uprisings tomorrow.
Ex-Senator Jonathan Bourne, 70, of Oregon to marry woman 35.

Smallpox epidemic rages in Washington, D. C.
THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
April 30, 1911
Saturday to be city-wide clean up day.

Medford team manager denies Pitcher Ralph Burgess, a south-paw, has been taken off the pay roll, following protests by fans against such action. The manager said Burgess was young and inexperienced, and "will not follow the advice of older heads. He has even advised me."

Running time of P&E to Butte Falls is cut half hour by track ballasting.

Louisiana Brides Get Dowries From Will Made In 1824

Port Allen, La.—(U.P.)—More than 100 years ago, Louisiana's first poet and the richest man of his time left \$30,000, which he had earned peddling pots and pans and trinkets at plantation homes and negro cabins, in trust to provide dowries for young people who had been more fortunate in love than he.

The man was Julien Poydras, whose romance had been brightened in France by the age-old custom of dowrying, which provides that the bride's family shall give a considerable cash sum or a piece of land to the husband at the time of marriage.

Poydras' sweetheart was very poor; her family could not afford a dowry. And even though the ardent suitor cared nothing for the dowry, French custom ruled against the match and the marriage never took place.

Broken-hearted, he joined the French navy and never returned to his native land. He came to America and found fame and fortune in that New France which became Louisiana.

This year 21 brides of West Baton Rouge Parish are eligible for dowries arising from interest on the original investment as directed by the Frenchman's will in 1824.

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Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

LT. BOB CUFFEL TELLS OF PLANE LANDING ON IWO

Bob Cuffel, former Medford Mail Tribune carrier boy and son of Mrs. R. C. Cuffel, 522 South Newtown street, telephoned home recently from the Hawaiian Islands where he is enjoying a 10-day rest leave.

Lt. Cuffel, with the 21st bomber command, 20th Air Force stationed on Saipan, has completed half of his tour of missions and has participated in some of the most devastating raids on Tokyo since going overseas in the middle of December.

Lands On Iwo Jima
Conditions on Saipan aren't as "rugged" as on some of the islands, Lt. Cuffel said. Returning from a recent raid on Tokyo, his crew landed at Iwo Jima for necessary repairs. In describing the islands he said: "It is different from any of the islands I have been on, being made of volcanic ash. There is absolutely no vegetation outside of four runty shrubs, all twisted and gnarled. Even before we touched the ground we could smell the pungent odor of sulphur and see the ugliness of the island."

"When we stopped our engines and got out, we found it cold enough to wear flying jackets. I certainly felt sorry for those marines stationed there. Most of them had a heavy growth of beard which was filled solidly with a drifting, powdery, volcanic ash. The only thing the marines like about the island is to be able to lie in their fox-holes, covered by the smoking, warm earth."

No Comforts
"As for comforts, there just aren't any. People in the states should see what I saw and hear what I heard and I'm sure they wouldn't gripe about shortages, rationing and strike because of petty grievances. The boys are eating "K" rations and allowed two canteens of water daily. Water must be brought in and is as precious as gasoline.

"We had some sandwiches left and I gave them to some of the boys. They went after them like animals. One held up a bread crust in a begrimed hand and remarked, as he stuffed it in his mouth, 'We haven't had any of that since we came here.'"

Schools Blow Up
Concerning his last Tokyo raid, he wrote, "I just heard Tokyo radio telling about our fire raids; a pack of lies if I ever heard any. They scream about our indiscriminate bombing of schools, etc., but generally schools don't blow up with a terrific blast unless munitions are stored there. Tough!"

Lt. Cuffel has been in the army since October, 1942. He received his training in various schools and camps throughout the United States before going overseas.

SGT. RICHARD FOSTER
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Foster of 115 Clark street, recently received a communication from Lt. Gen. George C. Kennedy, commander of allied air forces, Southwest Pacific area that their son, Technical Sergeant Richard F. Foster, had been decorated with the air medal. Commander Kennedy stated: "It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow Ameri-

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can airmen, his country and to you. He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from January 9th to February 6, 1945.

The Lt. General stated, "I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have such men as your son in my command and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations."

Capt. Fielding Weatherford
Captain Fielding K. Weatherford is now attending the fighter transition school at the 4th operational training unit of the Air Transport Command's ferrying division at Greenwood, Miss.

The captain recently returned from the ETO where he completed 4 combat missions. Prior to entering the service in November, 1941, he won an AB degree at Pasadena College and starred in basketball. His parents, Rev. and Mrs. Fred M. Weatherford, reside at 906 N. Central, Medford.

SGT. JESSE BARCOCK
Sgt. Jesse P. Barcock, 199 McAndrews road, Medford, has arrived in the United States on furlough from Italy, where he has served 31 months with the corps of engineers. He will visit with his parents while on furlough.

CPL. ORVAL THOMAS
A Ninth Air Force Service Command Unit, Germany — It isn't the lot of T/3 Orval J. Thomas, Medford, to be in the vanguard of the push through Germany, but he is an important cog in operation of this mobile air service squadron of the Ninth Air Force Service Command.

Cpl. Thomas is a radio repairman, especially skilled in working with very high frequency sets. He is capable of remedying any type of mechanical or electrical failure which may develop in a VHF set.

His father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Thomas, live at R. F. D. 1, Ruch, Ore. His sister, Mrs. E. H. Taylor, also lives on R. F. D. 1, Ruch.

SGT. LYNN DeMILLE
Fort George Wright, Washington—Sgt. Lynn R. DeMille has reported to the AAF convalescent hospital here after 27 months in the China-Burma-India theatre.

Sgt. DeMille served as a welder in aircraft repair with the 10th Air Force. He wears the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with two bronze battle stars and the good conduct ribbon.

Sgt. DeMille is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. DeMille of 9 Granite St., Ashland, Ore.

PLAN WORK PROJECTS
Helena, Mont., April 30—(U.P.) The Montana highway commission today conferred with WPB District Manager Oscar Baarson, on the supply of labor in respect to the possible reopening of construction projects which were stopped at the time of Pearl Harbor.

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HOSPITAL FINDS GI'S INTERESTED IN ART STUDIES

Van Nuys, Cal. (U.P.)—GI Joe, who thought with most Americans that art was for the favored few, has discovered he was wrong. And doctors at the Birmingham general hospital here are capitalizing on his interest in things artistic to recondition war wounded soldiers.

More than a dozen prominent Hollywood portrait painters, cartoonists and commercial artists are contributing their time to teaching 300 students in hospital classes.

One teacher, Dolya Goutman, in ceramics, drawing and painting, Russian-born painter, comments, "The false doctrine that art was for 'sissies' kept these men from expressing themselves artistically in childhood. If the much-publicized era-of-the-common-man is at hand, certainly the common man should be permitted to enjoy the arts as part of his daily life."

GIs interested in expressing themselves packed the first art class when it was announced the model would be starlet Jinx Falkenberg, in person. They weren't scared off by the announcement that they'd be drawing such pin-up cover girls as Dusty Anderson, Chill Williams, Karen Gaylor, Eileen McClory and Marguerite Chapman from first-hand observation.

The Red Cross supplies the semi-weekly classes with materials, easels and drawing boards. Sgt. William Willard, former Hollywood sculptor stationed at the hospital, originated the art school. He was rewarded when a war bond poster contest sponsored by a Los Angeles department store was won by a recently discharged veteran of five Pacific campaigns.

ERMINE GIFT
New York, April 30—(U.P.)—The United Clothing Collection had an expensive ermine cape on its hands today. The garment was found wrapped inside another at the east midtown collection depot.

WEATHER
Northern California — Clear today, tonight and Tuesday; slightly cooler Tuesday.

THE GRANGE

Gold Hill Grange
Gold Hill Grange H. E. C. met at the hall April 25. One quilt was finished and the appliqued quilt is under way and is a beauty. Clothes in the clothing drive were taken to Medford by members. Cards were sent to Sister Kruckerberg and Ada Dunsberry. Bertha Potter, Selma Kelly and Lilly MacKay were remembered by Flora. Murtie Reel received the prize.

Vada Dahl's side in the attendance contest will serve at Grange meeting May 3.

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