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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Pozzy

Many high Nazis are reported as departing this world, with their boots on. This sudden activity on the part of the Grim Reaper, mostly unconfined leaves the public skeptical.

The Allies have invaded Borneo, for control of its rich oil fields. For many years, this second largest island was the chief source of supply for wild men, for circus sideshows. The last decade keen competition arose in the field of politics, from wild men whose wildness was concentrated in their notions.

OBLIGING (Press Dispatch) "The partisans asked Starace whether he wanted to be shot in the front or the back. He replied in the front. They promptly shot him in the back."

A native returned from Frisco, where he swigged a liberal portion of Russian vodka, reports he is convalescing rapidly, and by the end of the week, will not be seeing all familiar landmarks, in triplicate.

The state department, according to a commentator, planned a soft peace for Germany, but the President slapped a firm foot on any appeasement plans. Roughly, the White House favors the Morgenthau plan, that calls for the control of all German industries that contribute to war.

"No checks cashed—not even the good ones"—(Sign reported in a northern California resort). Super-caution.

BOMBINGS END WORRY (Tokyo Radio Report) "Ten people out of ten with whom I have come in contact, have expressed the view that they felt light-hearted and that a heavy burden has been taken off their minds, because prior to their misfortune, they had to worry about their property and belongings."

The California legislature is considering a bill providing a five-year prison stay, \$5000 fine, for anyone who kills or wounds another while hunting. The statesmen of the sister state, apparently figure the post-war shooting will be as carefree and semi-idiotic, as the post-war auto driving. The measure has merit, and will also stop farmers from being mistaken for a quail while stooping over in their barnyard to pick up a milk-stool.

DORRIS IS SNUBBED "It showed large highways for 101 on the coast, and 99 through Hornbrook. Highway 97 through Dorris wasn't drawn in. We filed it in the wastebasket with a remark to the associate editor that somebody was certainly pulling hard for Yreka, for unless one has relatives in the Rogue River valley, simply, no one ever travels that tortuous route when going from San Francisco to Portland." (Butte Valley Star.)

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, April 30: Well, boys and girls, things are warming up! San Francisco's mercury went higher this afternoon than anywhere else on the coast, and so did the temperature at the Peace Conference.

One can't understand what goes on at this conference without realizing that Soviet Russia is the "X" in this particular algebraic formula. What that "X" is going to stand for when the conference ends is the major problem.

Finally Soviet Russia, underneath all the protocol and polite palaver and even the applause which greets M. Molotov wherever he goes, is deeply suspicious of all capitalistic nations and especially of the United States.

This suspicion, dating far back to the Russian revolution of a quarter of a century ago has not been materially lessened by being an ally of the United States in this world war. It has been lessened but not GREATLY lessened.

This fact, we believe, has been the keynote of M. Molotov's actions since he came to San Francisco, and promises to be until the end. For what does a nation—or an individual—do when suspicious of another? Acts with great caution and care—makes no concessions for fear there may be a catch in such concessions somewhere. Leans over backward when it comes to maintaining one's rights.

That is what Molotov has been doing since he arrived. That, we predict, is what he will continue to do, although we still believe there will be a general love-feast in the end. No nation, not even Soviet Russia, can afford to have any SERIOUS split in the United Nations' front at this time. There will be none!

We believe with these facts in mind, Russia's course since Wednesday last can be understood:

The insistence that there be four conference chairmen, for example, instead of one as is customary. The insistence that Russia have three members on the Assembly roll, two more than any other nation. And finally the request that the Lublin government of Poland (selected by Russia) be recognized as the authorized representative at this conference, and that the admission of Argentina to the conference be delayed, if not denied.

All these considerations, we grant, seem trivial at a time like this and in an important international convulsion of this sort. But bearing in mind the background of the Russian delegation and the nature of the Russian psychology they are, we think, understandable.

So it was a very interesting session this afternoon—the only really interesting one of the conference to date. There was drama, suspense, action—and we would like to be up on the 9th floor of the St. Francis, or aboard that vodka-and-caviar ship in the harbor and listen to the conversation—assuming of course we could understand Russian! We wager it's as hot as the temperature hereabouts—perhaps hotter!

And the first round obviously goes to the United States and its Photogenic Secretary of State.

For until Secretary Stettinius took the stand it was touch and go. Colombia, Mexico, Peru it is true, backed the cause of Argentina. But Belgium had supported the Russian plea for delay, and all in all the response to Molotov had been far more enthusiastic and sympathetic than the response to any of the Latin-American spokesmen.

But when Secretary Stettinius took the rostrum no ingratiating smile this time, no sales-talk—but explained that the decision to invite Argentina AT ONCE had been reached by the executive and steering committee and every other committee without objection by Soviet Russia or anyone else and PLEADED with the delegates to sustain that action and save time to further the sacred cause of world peace—well, that was the k. o. punch.

Even Anthony Eden, who was presiding, clapped those delicate, artistic and perfectly manicured hands of his in approval, and the defeat of Soviet Russia was then certain!

How will Soviet Russia "TAKE" it? Aye there's the rub; but only the future can determine that.

However, unless we are greatly mistaken about M. Molotov and his Slavish cohorts, they won't take it gracefully. It will, we predict, be only another black mark against the plutocracies—and the former chairman of the Board of the United States Steel corporation (capitalized at a billion)—will be the communistic explanation for it.

What a quirk of fate—REALLY—that would place such a typical representative of what the Russians call "bourgeois plutocracy" on one side, and the proletarian representative of the Socialistic republics on the other!

That juxtaposition may have dire and far-reaching consequences!

We hope not.

But we don't believe anyone who attended that conference at the "Opera House" this afternoon will deny there is dynamite in the situation at present!

The vote was interesting. After such a plea by the host and puissant government only states which are—or soon will be—either communistic or definitely allied with Soviet Russia ideologically could be expected to be counted against the United States.

These pro-Russian states were: Greece, Belgium, Norway, Yugoslavia, New Zealand and Czechoslovakia, for delaying the vote to invite Argentina as Molotov requested.

On the question of inviting Argentina when Molotov's effort failed, only Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Greece stuck to the Red Ship.

France and China refused to vote. It may be significant regarding the former that at the recent election in that country, the Communists won a sweeping victory. The Red Tide marches on!

So Mussolini has been bumped off rather unceremoniously by Italian "patriots!" Sic Semper Tyrannis, as John Wilkes Booth remarked, only in this case the phrase has historical application which was not true in Ford's theatre.

Poor old Sawdust Caesar! This department would feel a certain sneaking sympathy for almost any human being done in and defiled as obscenely as in this case, but not for Benito. "Tattered Jackal" was the best epithet for him—a man without dignity, and

without courage—a bag of bluff, bluster and overweening vanity—who talked big, but only fought lions without teeth and only picked on nations when they were beaten or were too weak to fight back. He died as he lived IGNOBLY!

Later: Well, here is another day and cold and rainy—the first bad weather we have struck since we left Mexico. The mercury at today's plenary session promises to be much lower also.—R.W.R.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

San Francisco, May 3—One of those invisible electrical storms swept up through the press against the American delegation and the whole conference following the decision to admit Argentina.



Paul Mallon

Enough, largely confined to a segment of the press and radio corps.

Through the lobbies and streets you could hear the plaints of those who acted and talked as if it was fascist for the conference to "railroad" through such a decision.

The surge amazed even the American delegation, and its members gave every indication of confusion, as to its rise and how to handle it for a time.

FRANKLY the uprising seemed a little synthetic to me. Molotov on the floor made what was a reasonable presentation of his standpoint, but I noticed he closed his speech with the statement that his protest was the only one which would be made by the Russian delegation. In short, he showed no signs of being particularly outraged.

But on the air later I heard less reasoned objections by commentators actually contending the decision was "the cheapest city politics," "a serious mistake" and "a step toward fascism." I judge they must have been caught in the invisible storm. Their arguments were certainly wet enough to have been out in it all night.

THE inside reasons for the decision were not given. The Stettinius speech from the floor was a brief justification to the effect that the decision had been reached by the steering committee (meaning the whole conference, in effect, as the chairman of every nation's delegation is on that committee), that the Latin American nations recommended it and that the American delegation was for it (unanimously it later developed). Practically the whole world was for it because Molotov got only seven votes on his proposition to delay the decision a few days and four votes against when taken (although Britain and China abstained).

The tricks of the business were naturally not mentioned but it is quite plain to me what happened, namely: Molotov wanted to delay this decision in order to bring his storm up in advance of the voting. If he could have let the reaction that subsequently developed, sweep the city and delegation for a few days he might have created sufficient pressure to change the decision—which incidentally is the only one he had lost at the conference up to that time.

Actually, he had nothing to cry seriously about because in the same decision to admit Argentina, he also gained voter

for White Russia and the Ukraine (on very flimsy grounds of justification)—yet strangely enough what he won in the deal was never mentioned by the complainants. That part of the matter was barely mentioned on the floor and not at all in the press conference. In short what he lost was played to high heaven to make the decision appear more one-sided than it actually was.

NOW the honest truth of the matter is that this promise to Argentina was made by us officially weeks back to get her into our Latin American setup. The decision was in accord with the agreements we made at Chapultepec to the Latin countries who wanted to bring Argentina in there.

Naturally Molotov did not like this. The best argument he could make against it was to complain about the nature of the Argentine government in the past. That subject has been widely discussed, and frankly, I have never heard any analyses of it which were favorable to its fascist nature. But part of the agreement made at Chapultepec was that Argentina would change, even create a free press. The fact that we exacted these promises is proof enough that there is no fascist implication in the decision at all—rather the contrary.

The plain and simple facts show the American delegation and the conference were fully justified from any standpoint you could possibly name.

Indeed, I think most Americans would be pleased if Russia would make for herself the promises Argentina has made, particularly as to a free press free expression for her people. And if Molotov is going into the complexity of this one government, there are puzzling complexities also in other governments—to wit, the hand-picked Russian government of Lublin Poles. Then why all the hot air?

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.

Those Post-War "Jobs"

To the Editor: Plans and suggestions galore are now offered, as to how best to provide jobs (60 million of them) for returning soldiers and released war-workers.

Are they coming home to a New Russia, or to their beloved America? In Russia, every man has a "job" under a boss. No man has a private business, in which he is his own boss, running it to suit himself and making money for himself and family. That would be the hated American capitalism. Are all of these men asking for "jobs?"

Are we preparing a "job" for the multitude of business men in the service? A "job" for all of the doctors in the service? And for millions of young, farmers, stockmen, gardeners, hotel

men, etc? What will they want: a "job" or to get re-established in business? Will the students want a "job" or a chance to finish their education?

Millions of these men doubtless have their own business, trade, farm or profession, to which they are anxious to return. Millions more of the younger ones, will be laying their plans to go to college, to buy a farm, or a store, or open an office. Then why plan great public works for them so that all may join the union and get a "job?"

The writer would like to suggest a plan that seems to him to make sense. Let a survey of our military forces everywhere be made at once. The officers could conduct that survey; the chaplains alone might handle it. Let each man say for himself what he wants to do when, and if, he comes home. Whether he wants to return to his farm or office, or open one; return to his college work or get a "job"; and if a "job" what and where? Let the government have that survey record, and make adequate provision to help each man in the service when he comes home to live the life of his own choice. And let it be in a "land of the free and home of the brave" rather than in a land of "Planned Economy," where every man can have a "job," if he will surrender his personal freedom and join the union.

EDWIN DEAN, Talent, Oregon

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 May 3, 1935 (It Was Friday)

Strike of lumber workers in Portland and Astoria plants spreads.

Ernest W. Winkle elected Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

Federal relief funds to Illinois halted until state pays its share.

Fair, High 76, low 31 degrees.

Sale and rentals of houses in city takes spurt.

Sen. Huey Long of Louisiana in radio address describes Roosevelt regime as "St. Vitus dance form of government."

State badminton tournament opens here tomorrow.

Medford to play Klamath Falls in league game, here Sunday.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY May 3, 1925 (It Was Sunday) High school seniors present

"The Suddenness of Peggy" at Page before large audience.

Fishing poor for this time of year in Rogue.

New high school bond election to be held next Tuesday.

Eads Bros. start new building on North Fir street.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY May 3, 1911 (It Was Wednesday) Toll road over Siskiyou to be abolished.

Hope for world peace stronger as British and Americans sign arbitration pact.

Commercial club receives many letters asking about vacation trips to Crater Lake.

CENTRAL POINT MILL TO REOPEN IN MONTH

The planners and other equipment for the rebuilt Southern Oregon planing mill near Central Point, have arrived and will

be ready for operation in 30 days according to A. W. Lingaas, one of the owners. The machinery arrived this week and is now being installed. The plant was destroyed by fire of unknown origin about a month ago.

Canada is slightly larger than the United States, including Alaska, and slightly smaller than the Continent of Europe.

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of HUGH T. CARTER, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account in the above entitled matter, in the above entitled Court has fixed June 1, 1945, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., in the County Court room in the Court House in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, and for the settlement thereof.

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