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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Herr Hitler, the bellwether monster of Germany, is reported dead. The world hopes the report is not "a gross exaggeration."

Rain is needed, but none is expected until the first cutting of alfalfa is down.

V. Brophy, the Tolo cowman, has returned from a visit with his granddaughter, and speaks highly of her charms, brains, beauty and cuteness.

Flower lovers are using a plant vitamin that perks up roses, and makes them grow like a weed. It is mixed with water, and sprinkled on gently by hand.

F. Luy of the Antelope-Phoenix districts has returned from San Francisco. He ignored the United Nations security conference, and the conference returned the snub.

An economic advisor reports the war cost the American people enough to build an \$8,000 home for every family in the country, or a new auto with a luxurious trailer attached.

The mercury rose to 91 degrees two days in a row last week. This is a sign of summer, of which there was going to be none last March.

A Republican national committee woman from Maine will address the GOP leaders of Southern Oregon here tomorrow. No member of the opposition has hinted such a long trip was unnecessary.

The first straw hats of the season appeared last week on male heads, and the bright sunshine also caused widespread divesting of vests.

The Old Girl is now faced with the neat trick of canning and preserving more fruit with less sugar.

Bob, the last of the J. Tannehill Walker, 6, uncles, marched to the altar over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cochran Robin have abandoned their attractive nestbox built under the noses of those peeping Tomlinsons and Thomases, and moved to new quarters. "I just couldn't take it," said Mrs. Robin. "I had no more privacy than a gold fish, and the children would have seen their first human, as soon as they had their eyes open, in our new location all I have to keep my eyes on is my old man and that horrid cat across the street. A great load is off my wings now," she smiled.

The sweet girl graduates, and the just as sweet boy graduates of Old Medford are getting ready to receive sheepskins and advice from a visiting orator early in June.

Piscatorial enthusiasts report the wily trout in the scenic Rogue are still too wily.

Confirmed readers of mystery horror stories, like "The Poisoned Dagger in Nellie's Back," report the verified accounts of German murder depots, and organized atrocities by Nazi sadists made their blood run so cold it will not be thawed out before Aug. 1. So they have gone back to the tame, old fashioned literary hair-raiser, with a dasstardly deed every ten pages, and the murdered hero shows up in the last chapter alive, happy, and rich enough to light his pipe with a \$50 bill.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, May 2.—Still cold and cloudy. Newspaper men here get a lot of mail every day, but conservatively speaking 99% of it is special pleading from some of the underprivileged nations.—In other words propaganda, frank and unashamed. The most liberal contributors are the Palestine Jews, the East Indians and the friends of Republican Spain. With so much going on of vital interest, most of the offerings, we fear, go promptly into the waste basket.

Have to modify that circus parade simile a bit as the conference gradually warms up.—WITHIN, not without! These plenary sessions continue to be mere window-dressing.—a circus parade with most of the animal cages covered up with weather-stained tarpaulins. (Remember how irritating that was in your youth, and how your imagination soared as to just what sort of strange varmint might be inside?) At the plenary sessions one's curiosity is similarly piqued; you wonder what REALLY transpires behind the scenes to produce so much sweetness and light in front of them!

The press is absolutely excluded from the secret sessions, of course, but the press conferences are another matter, and are really worth coming 3000 miles to attend. Some of them are off the record as far as direct quotation goes; but most of them aren't. And in these conferences one really sees the big shots in action and what makes the wheels of this convolve go round.

Yesterday the Chinese delegation put on a show which was most entertaining and illuminating. As before stated we thought one of the best speeches at the opening of the conference was made by Dr. T. V. Soong, head of the Chinese delegation and China's former foreign minister. It was so refreshingly frank and pertinent, free from the "cliches" that cluttered so much of the opening oratory.

But that was a mere breather. At yesterday's gathering the affable and intelligent brother of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, really gave the press the works, and hard boiled and skeptical as the newspaper boys are, it is no exaggeration to say, the "J. P. Morgan, Jr., of China" had practically all of them eating out of his hand, at the finish.

And for the same reason fundamentally.—the man's complete candor, sense, sense of humor, his informality, freedom from cant and solemn pomposity.—what one might term the sheer AMERICANISM of the man in fact.

It is really very interesting. The Chinese are a very ancient and honorable race and supposed to be as far removed from the Anglo-Saxon, temperamentally, as the American Indian.—and just as inscrutable. But this man Soong certainly isn't.—nor any of his conferees who spoke.—they blended psychologically with that Yankee press-crowd like bacon and eggs.—or buckwheat cakes and maple-syrup.

There is a reason, of course, other than Soong's intelligence, wit and charm. The Chinese here have nothing to hide, no axe to grind.—they put all their cards on the table, (or practically all), because as far as the United States goes, there is no reason for their NOT to.

Moreover China has nothing this country wants and this country has nothing China wants.—except of course supplies with which to fight Japan.

Added to this the fact that friendship between the two countries runs far back through the years, and is stronger today than ever before; the gathering could hardly have been anything but a success. But it might have well been far less successful than it was, were not Dr. Soong such an enlightened, clever and appealing type of diplomat—a new type and a refreshing one.

The big hit was made by Dr. Soong when without hesitation, in answer to a question, he declared China would forego the veto right of the Big Five, at any time.—in fact the implication of his statement was China opposed this feature of the Dumbarton Oaks agreement, which has threatened to be such a stumbling block in the proceedings here, and which, in your correspondent's judgment, has been from the first, the Achilles heel of the original document.

A close second was the clever way in which the head of the delegation handled the somewhat ticklish question of communism. It is generally known that one of the serious problems in China is the internal split between the Chinese conservatives, as represented by men like Dr. Soong; and the Chinese "Reds" who are—or have been—opposed by Chiang Kai-Shek from the outset.

Some reporter asked if Dr. Soong would identify the Communists in the delegation and ask them to stand up. "JP" never batted an eye but smilingly stated there was only one and Mr. Tung P.-Wu on the extreme right would be glad to rise and display his "phizzog"—that's the term Soong used.

Pi-Wu.—perhaps "Smudge Pot" can make something of that—proved to be a well-dressed and well-nourished looking gentleman, almost bald, with—we hope he will pardon us!—the most Japanese-looking physiognomy and make-up in the room. When he smiled and showed prominent buck teeth, the resemblance was even more striking.

But the grace and charm with which the stunt was put over aroused the admiration of every newsman there.—it was positively Rooseveltian in its cool savoir faire and finesse.

There was this light touch all through the meeting.—a gayety almost, and certainly an unusual accord, from beginning to end. Another pertinent question asked was why the Chinese opposed the United States on the Argentine issue.—or at least, like France refused to vote. That gave the urbane doctor a fleeting pause and revealed one of the few obvious—at least it seemed obvious to us.—conventional diplomatic evasions.

The answer was the home office was asked for instructions and they came too late to participate in the voting! As Dr. Soong is really the "home" government of China, having been named a sort of Deputy President in the recent shape-up, even he joined in the laughter that followed this "little white lie."

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So all in all a very smiling and happy occasion!

Not so happy in some of the other conferences, though at times amusing with reverse English. Th's attempt, one runs into so often to make anti-Fascism the big issue for example. As if this were solely a political or ideological war. This was one of Mr. Molotov's favorite arguments against the invitation to Argentina—a Fascist country, he claimed, and government, as well. No doubt of that. But just what IS Fascism, and what is the objection to it? The objection, we take it, is that it is a totalitarian form of dictatorship, in which the people have no voice, exert no control, and therefore a form of government that automatically leads to war.

OK. But what sort of government has Russia? Do the people of Russia have any control over THAT government? Is there any more real rule of the people in Soviet Russia today than in the Argentine? And if the absence of democratic rule disqualifies Argentina, why should it not also disqualify Russia? No one asked that question. But it would, as we see it, have been a most pertinent one.—ASSUMING this is,—and always has been,—a political war.

But of course the answer to that is: it ISN'T AND HASN'T BEEN. We are not and have never been, fighting Germany because of her form of government; or fighting Japan because of HER form of government.

We are fighting Germany because Germany declared war on us and threatened to overrun Europe. We are fighting Japan because Japan attacked us and threatened to overrun the Pacific. That's all. If this obvious truth would only be admitted and the cant about this being another war to "make the world safe for democracy" dropped; a great deal of time and energy would be saved.—R.W.R.

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 6, 1935 (It was Monday) Sen. Cutting of New Mexico killed in plane crash.

Defense argument opens in trial of David Lamson, accused of wife murder.

Patsy Smith and James Bayliss injured, when they fall 15 feet from stair railing at senior high school.

Fair. High, 82; low, 48 degrees.

Coast longshoremen vote boycott on handling lumber during mill strike.

"Fra Diavolo" to be presented by local talent during music week.

Dime chain mail craze hits city and valley, and postoffice is swamped.

Moore Hamilton of this city may be named speaker of house at special session of legislature.

Twenty-two years ago today May 6, 1925 (It was Tuesday) Treasurer Mellon advocates second cut in income tax rates.

President Coolidge declares no more loans will be made to Europe to start new war.

Cloudy. High 87, low 46 degrees.

Four head of Sams Valley cattle killed by eating raw dynamite.

Air dash to North Pole ready to hop off.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY May 8, 1911 (It was Saturday) P. & E. to run excursion to Butte Falls tomorrow. Many local people plan to hear the band and see the scenery.

Twenty-seven to be graduated from high school June 2. Gilbert Stuart was one of them.

Beagle to get new schoolhouse.

NO V-E SIRENS San Diego, May 5.—(U.P.)—No air raid sirens will be sounded in San Diego to proclaim V-E Day was the pronouncement today by Fred A. Rhodes, city manager.

TOKYO GIRDS FOR MANCHURIA RAIDS, DAVOA LIBERATED

By United Press Tokyo broadcasts said that strong demands were being made for a special session of the Japanese Diet to meet "the exigencies of the present situation." Other reports said the South Manchuria railway, a Japanese corporation operating rail lines and other industrial enterprises, in Manchuria, would be reorganized to prepare for air raids. Many of Japan's heavy industries have been developed in Manchuria to the extent that the Japanese describe it as "the arsenal of Great East Asia." Meanwhile, Australian troops in Dutch Borneo cleared the Tarakan oil center in two sectors and gained control of the nearby airbase. Davao, major port and city on Mindanao in the southern Philippines, was liberated by American infantrymen. It was the last major city to be freed from Japanese control in the Archipelago.

DIVORCE ACTION FEES, BIG MONEY

Seattle, May 5.—(U.P.)—Divorces constituted a business netting more than half a million dollars in King County last year, statistics disclosed today. In listing 3,731 divorces and annulments in 1944 with prospects that the 1945 total will be greater. With minimum fees for divorces set at \$150 by the Washington State Bar Association, daily averages of divorces in King county last year was 16 daily, for a minimum total revenue to lawyers of \$559,650, statistics showed.

WOMEN WORKERS HIT

San Francisco, May 5.—(U.P.)—Women war workers are feeling the brunt of lay-offs in California aircraft plants and shipyards, the Division of Labor Statistics of the Department of Industrial Relations reported today.

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

GOVERNMENT AID PROMISED COAST LUMBER INDUSTRY

Price Controls Until Jap War Ended — Boxes Needed For Army.

Portland, Ore., May 5.—(U.P.)—More lumber is needed during the next few months for the war on Japan but the government will provide assistance in the form of additional machinery, tires, equipment and manpower, it was learned today by J. Philip Boyd, national lumber division director for WPB.

Meeting with western lumbermen, Boyd said civilian controls on timber products would be removed gradually to hasten the reconversion process and restart building of homes and businesses. He added price controls would remain until at least the end of the Japanese war.

Boyd said western timbermen were not optimistic for much of an increase in production until near the end of the year, despite accelerated demands from military officials, war plants reconverting to peace, civilians, and foreign countries.

In no industries but lumber and textiles will the shift to the Pacific theater of war impose such strains, Boyd said, citing the need for huge stocks of boards, boxes and crates for moving about 75 per cent of the European armies to the Pacific.

Boyd said allied timber representatives will meet in London week after next to evaluate the world's lumber resources for the post-war years. He said this country will insist that no American lumber be sent abroad—except for war purposes—until all other sources of supply are exhausted.

While the 11 western states are carrying half the nation's timber production, Boyd said all sections were bearing a proportionate share of the war load. He praised timbermen for a 25 per cent gain in national production during war years.

PORTLAND UNIONS SEEK MORE MEAT

Portland, Ore., May 5.—(U.P.)—Portland union officials asked war agencies today to provide more red points for war workers in plants where restaurant facilities are not available.

Marysville, Cal., May 5.—(U.P.)—Cafe and restaurant owners in the arysville-Yuba City district tonight decided, on advice of OPA representatives, to remain open in the face of a critical meat shortage.

Gilbert McNeil, Sacramento OPA administrator, asked wholesale meat dealers to supply hospitals in the area from their retail stocks, while other OPA spokesmen urged the restaurant operators to keep going until the meat situation is relieved.

Paraguay's only outlet to the Atlantic, the Parana river, flows through Argentina.

COUGARS WIN Fullman, Wash., May 5.—(U.P.)—Washington State College Cougars uncorked their most savage hitting display in recent years today to sink navy-manned Whitman Missionaries here 21-4, sweeping the two-day series.

GENERAL DEPARTS Long Beach, Cal., May 5.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, new commander general of the army air forces in the Pacific, took off Wednesday on the trans-Pacific leg of his journey to his new headquarters.

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