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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

The San Francisco conference after 17 days has done very little—officially, press reports report. The foreign ministers of Britain and Russia have left in a polite huff, and army bombers for home.

Valley corn is now up ankle high, and making good progress in its efforts to be roasting ears. Thirsty corn experts estimate, if it had to, it would run about 7 gallons to the acre and taste as much like extract of barbwire as imported corn from the "sunny West Indies."

Rules and regulations imposed by Gen. Eisenhower, allied commander, upon the late self-admitted German "super-race," has caused them to yell "bloody murder" but not about any of their own bloody murders.

AS THE GI SEES IT (Stars & Stripes) "Every screwball with thick lenses and a long haircut is setting up shop as an expert on returning veterans."

Former eagle-eyed Minnesotans, adults and adolescents, rose as one man when this col. located Duluth erroneously in Wisconsin, instead of their own home state. Even the Wisconsinans were mad about it. It is the most diabolical, geographical atrocity since the Sacramento Bee yanked Crater Lake into California.

Everybody in the land now has \$188.11, the treasury reports. It is nice to know one has it, if one has it.

"Saturday was the kind of warm steaming day we Oregonians have to plant seeds and then jump, for fear the plants will spring up and knock us over."—(Maxine Buren in Salem Statesman.)—The land where the tourist in the Commercial club pinks up what he thinks is an apple, and is told by the genial secretary to "put that grape down."

The Older Girls are now in the throes of spring housecleaning. Several have been deceived by the treachery of step-ladders. When they stepped on the last step, it was elsewhere.

POOR LOI LIBELLED (The Dalles Chronicle) "There was a small-sized scrap between a couple of Indians this afternoon at Washington and First streets. Unless blood-poisoning sets in where some of the aboriginal dirt was scratched off, no damage was done."—(30 Yrs. Ago Col.)

J. Tannehill Walker, 6, and bro. Bob enjoyed a week-end visit from their Paw in the Navy.

It has been a week since anything dire or death has hit Herr Hitler, via Stockholm or Switzerland. One report has him en route to Japan, now in process of being ruined by the same American air power that flattened his own Reich, ala pancake.

As the result of an auto mix-up in Georgia 46,000,000 bees were freed. In the days when gasoline flowed freely, approximately this many bees hit motorists in the eye every summer while driving down a highway. Since Pearl Harbor, the bee has been little employed as an alibi for smacking a phone pole unconscious.

88 YEARS ON ONE JOB Burlington, Vt., (U.P.)—Harry Clough, an engineer at a Venetian blind company, has outlived three of his boilers and two of his engines. With 88 years of continuous service for the same employer behind him, Clough says he still is going strong.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, May 12.—Newspaper street sales have been cut in half by the end of war in Europe. At least the Union Square news boy here says that has been his sad fate.

That was not a conference but a cocktail party given by Harry Bridges in the golden ballroom at the Palace. Reminded us of the cocktail party given by Mayor Kelly of Chicago during the Democratic convention last July, although the news men—and girls—behaved much better at this one,—the chief reason being this one was from 5 to 8, while the Kelly jamboree was from 5 to 5,—or at least that is when some of the guests went home.

The chief similarity rested in the fact that most of those present in Chicago had no use for Mayor Kelly and most of those present at the Palace had no use for Harry Bridges. But they did not hesitate to drink the liquor and eat the hors d'oeuvres offered,—thus posing an ethical problem which might be offered to Emily Post.

We never doubted Harry Bridges was—and is,—a "Red," whether he was ever an actual member of the Communist party or not. This affair only strengthened that conviction, though if called on for evidence we would have a hard time producing it. It was not anything Bridges did or said, it was more his manner and the general atmosphere of the performance, and perhaps a remark made by one of the Washington (D.C.) newsmen, that the shindig reminded him of some of the champagne-and-caviar parties thrown at the Soviet embassy. We asked what he meant and the answer was he didn't know,—just did that's all.

We tried to figure it out, but failed, except for the strange elusive sense of tension that prevailed, and the absence of a certain warmth and "en rapport" that make such things entirely successful. Bridges did the host assignment well we thought, moved easily around among the guests, did no hand-shaking or back-slapping or story-telling, left that up to his guests if they felt so inclined,—one felt he was relieved that he didn't.

There was one exception, Mr. Roy Howard of the Scripps-Howard chain and one of the most picturesque figures in big-time journalism. Harry went for him in a big way and did his talking job well, although it was all off the record of course. But there is no doubt Bridges is smart, ambitious and able, a force to be reckoned with in this country if he stays here. (And in all likelihood he will!)

Another "Big Shot" has departed, none other than the dean of radio commentators, H. R. Kaitenbom. We can't stand the man or his radio voice, but cheerfully grant his ability in his special line. In the factual reliability and realistic treatment his interpretation of the news ranks with the best of them, but his voice inflection is so irritating we are always delighted when his remarks end.

And of course there is good reason,—for the Big Shots going we mean. The spade-work has all been done,—or practically all,—only working out the details, many of them technical, remains. And this will probably be true until near the close of the conference when the final draft will be ready for publication. Very likely then many of the Big Shots will return.

We have not changed our view of the final outcome. There is no doubt,—and from the first has been none as we see it,—that a new League of Nations covenant will be drawn up, which in many ways will be an improvement over the former one.

There is also no doubt,—or practically none,—that this document will be so worded that complete control by the Big Three,—not Four or Five,—will in no real sense, be impaired. And the basic reason for this will be the patent fact that when peace returns only the Big Three,—Russia, Great Britain and the United States,—will be strong enough to keep the peace, or wage another war.

The document therefore will be criticized as a Big Power Pact and essentially that is what it will be. But as a practical matter it would hardly be anything else, when conceived in the midst of war.

On the other hand unless all signs fail the document will have provisions for amendment. And as war passions cool and this torn and distracted planet gradually becomes adjusted to an entirely new order,—the old world has forever gone!—we predict this provision allowing easy adjustment will save the new League from suffering the tragic fate of the old.—R.W.R.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

MEAT SITUATION. The special committee of the House appointed to investigate the meat shortage and report back by May 1 did a workmanlike job. The report, concise and complete, gives the essential facts and figures, and contains definite recommendations for solution of the problem. I shall be glad to send a copy of this report to anyone who wants it.

The Republican Congressional Food Study committee, of which I have been secretary for more than two years, has previously pointed out the same weaknesses in the management of the meat problem. Our unofficial committee has made essentially the same recommendations which are now made officially by the committee of the House. What the entire food situation needs most is co-ordination under one head so that problems of production, processing and distribution can be handled as parts of the overall problem, along with pricing. In the past, these things have been handled by separate departments, oftentimes working in opposite directions.

Meat is going to be short for several months in spite of anything that can be done now, but proper management from now on can restore production and allow the normal distribution system to be rebuilt.

SUGAR. Just around the corner is another food problem. We are going to be short of sugar. The story on sugar is quite similar to the meat story. The several agencies involved have done such a splendid job of holding down the price that production has dwindled. Unless something is done immediately, we are going to be drastically short of sugar.

TWO-THIRDS RULE ON TREATIES. The House has been debating the resolution regarding treaty ratification. The proposal is to have treaties ratified by a majority vote of both houses instead of by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. The only action Congress can take is to submit a proposal constitutional amendment to the states. Such an amendment will not become operative, of course, until ratified by the states. It seems to me the House should pass this resolution, but it does not seem likely the Senate will concur, thereby voting to cut down its own powers.

ECONOMY. President Truman is apparently going out on an economy crusade. This is a hopeful sign. Useless agencies will be liquidated; others will be pared down sharply.

NEW EMPLOYMENT OFFICES. I have just been notified by Mr. Paul McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, that new U. S. employment offices are being established in my district—one at Coquille and one at Sweet Home. The expansion of the employment service is under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, and is for the purpose of aiding the reemployment of returning veterans, in addition to the usual duties of the employment office.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, May 15 — The way the tax trimming program was announced was announced was announced was announced.



Paul Mallon

When business corporations paid their excess profits taxes (running up to 90 per cent or more) in these war years, they did so under a provision of law which promised a 10 per cent refund within three to five years.

All this new program does is to say they may have their 10 per cent back now. No permanent loss of the treasury will result. Business will merely get its refund sooner.

The notion behind this major feature of the program is that business may use the money at once for reconversion. Some will need this help. Others have accumulated cash reserves (common corporate war practice).

THE other important change will be of considerable help to small business. The lift in exemptions on excess profits taxes (not normal rates which run above 40 per cent) from \$10,000 to \$25,000 will, in effect, absolve businesses earning less than \$25,000 from the profit-confiscation tax rates of war.

But there is another provision of law which enabled corporations to deduct from certain normal rate payments certain allowances if they paid high excess profits rates.

Thus the announced relief will not be as great as the cited figures have indicated. With the normal tax hand the government will take back some of the balm it is offering with the excess profits hand.

This is about all there is in the "tax reduction." Behind its announcement, however, the participants indulged themselves in a little light and fancy stabbing. Senate Finance Chairman George had announced two days earlier, he thought the government should promise a real reduction to begin next January 1, whether or not Japan was beaten. Next day from the treasury came an anonymous statement that George (whom some have mentioned as possible successor to Morgenthau) had reversed his position on this.

An official of the treasury department had given that information to newsmen suggesting it be published without credit, as off-the-record inspiration. The newsmen did not think George had changed his mind and the charge was not printed, at least not generally.

This was not the only piquant savor of the deal. After George and house ways and means Chairman Doughton had been at the White House discussing taxes with President Truman, the newspapers were able to carry an authoritative statement that Mr. Truman had told congress to go ahead and handle taxes in its own way as he was too busy to bother.

This sounded very much like Mr. Morgenthau was not to have his usual annual soul-stirring presentation of tax programs to congress (none of which have been adopted in late years). It also somehow encouraged people to believe the reports that George might get the treasury secretaryship.

My own information is that nothing is likely to be done about a cabinet change in treasury until after the Bretton Woods agreements sink or swim in congress.

Other than that it can be said Truman appreciates Morgenthau's good New York financial connections, but, on the other hand, George would take the job if offered.

Certain senators whom I greatly respect think Morgenthau will go in a few months and the job will be handed to Truman's Missouri banking friend, John Snyder.

From this series of inner events, it is plain the administration is not going into any real tax reduction for some time. It will not accept the George program promising action in 1946, and is content to rest with the faint trimmings presented last week.

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Not So Naive To the editor: In your very fine paper Friday evening I read the articles by Dr. Brady, and was surely surprised to find him treating the school nurse's suggestion to use sulphur and lard for it as "naive" and have been wondering if the old fellow really knows the meaning of the word. Seems to me that it hardly applies in this case.

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most people little realize the wonderful help that is being given to school children by the school nurses and the public school teachers all over the land, and their suggestions are not "naive" either; neither do they ask fee of 10 or 25 cents for each suggestion, as does Dr. Brady.

I have known of several cases of itch having been cured by sulphur and a cold cream mixture. In this case lard may have been suggested because it would cost the child less.

One thing Doc. Brady forgot to mention, itch is caused by an insect which burrows into the skin, lays its eggs, which hatch there, developing into full grown insects that lay more eggs, etc., and the fight is on. These insects get into the clothing and unless everything touching the child's body is boiled or thoroughly fumigated another brood will hatch. The sulphur and lard, if faithfully applied will kill them all but the child must then be carefully bathed and have on clean garments afterwards. Just keep this up and you won't have to send any money to Brady for booklet on unbidden guests. CORDELIA AIKEN.

Olive Barber's Letter



There is nothing more infuriating than to take a neighbor to see your garden only to have him exclaim, "Why my peas are at least three inches higher than yours" Of course you rise to the defense of the maligned peas, though the maligning is by inference only. You planted them late, you apologize, thus taking the blame on yourself. Or you hadn't soaked them as long as you should have.

Then your ego gets its second wound. You assume the offensive, rather than the defensive. Too bad, you condone the neighbor, he didn't plant a bit later. Peas planted too early, you darkly prophesy, often produce fine vines but no peas.

This may set the neighbor back on his heels, then again he may see through you having himself used the same tactics last year to excuse the anemic strivings of his own peas.

I've never "followed the fillet" but I make annual entries in the lettuce handicap. And my garden ethics are, to say the least, pliable. I announce to friends that the Barbers are having lettuce from their own garden, though I do not explain the microscope had to be passed with the salad. Otherwise we would have been unable to see the embryonic leaves of which the salad had been made.

Worms seldom get a chance at our radishes. I get them first. Not that I am partial to a thread topped by two leaves. When buying radishes I insist they have a proper radish midriff; curved and with plenty of color. But when I grow them myself, all I ask of a radish is that it will have emerged from its seed.

Onion sets are much more brag material than onion seeds. An onion seed takes its own time about coming up. But you can stick an onion set in the ground in the morning, then dig it up again for the evening meal and tell the neighbors you had onions out of your own garden for supper. Your breath will bear witness to the statement.

There is no rivalry surpassing in intensity that which exists

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among gardeners. This rivalry is not over amount of production but over the date the produce first could be used. Yet there are ways of getting around the time element. Last night I told a caller our garden was already contributing to our table fare. Then I quickly changed the subject before I was asked to be specific. I didn't want to admit the contributions had been chives and parsley.

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 15, 1935 (It was Thursday) Garden clubs of state to open conclave here tomorrow.

School boards selects teachers for next year.

Ex-President Hoover declares NRA is saddling people with monopolies.

Dime chain letters craze grows throughout nation.

Occasional rain. High 70, low 41 degrees.

California fined for gaffing fish at Gold Ray dam.

Closure of Rogue River to commercial fishing set for June 12.

Ample irrigation water is assured valley for coming season.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY May 15, 1911 (It was Tuesday) General Miles of Army drops dead at circus, in Washington.

Salem launches crusade against questionable magazines.

William J. Bryan hissed off stage at Providence, R. I., by students of Brown College during speech on evolution.

Referendum on Oregon anti-cigarette law looms.

Fair and mild. High 78, low 46 degrees.

Sheriff seizes three suspects and a still on Applegate.

Cattle buyers busy in Sams Valley district.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY May 15, 1911 (It was Tuesday) Baccalaureate services of high school to be held May 28.

Oregon presidential primary eyed by nation.

Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president of the Harriman lines visits city and valley.

JUKE BOX STOLEN Pawtucket, R. I., (U.P.) — The thieves who burglarized the Fenwood Grille recently must have been swing fans. They carted away a \$700 juke box weighing nearly 400 pounds.

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DETAILS TOLD IN FATAL EXPLOSION ABOARD AIRCRAFT

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Schmidt, 325 West Fourth street, recently received a letter from their daughter, Barbara Beasley, who is employed at March Field Post Exchange, Riverside, Calif., telling of events leading up to the death of her husband, Second Lt. Harry M. Beasley. Lt. Beasley was killed on a bombing raid over Germany July 21, 1944.

The details came from the War Department and also from a friend of Lt. Beasley, who was in England at the time and talked to the only surviving member of the bomber crew, a man named Peacock.

According to the details, it was during the latter part of the journey from England to the target that the plane encountered trouble. Some unexpected flak was encountered which disabled two of the four engines. To lessen the load, the crew dropped their bombs and other excess equipment and headed for the coast line, the information said.

As the coast line came into view one of the remaining engines was put out of commission

by flak. As the plane went out over the Channel, smoke was filling the cabin and a fire was noticed in the wing and fuselage. With the situation looking hopeless, the signal was given to bail out. Three men in the waist bailed out at once, Peacock had hardly cleared the plane when a loud explosion was heard and the concussion of the exploding plane was felt.

Peacock, after swimming in the Channel waters for about 45 minutes, was rescued by boats, directed to him by escorting fighters. The escort fighters and rescue boats continued the search for other survivors but none were found, according to the information.

VACATION NEAR HOME PLEA ISSUED BY ODT

An appeal to Pacific coast residents in large cities and rural communities "to vacation close to home and not travel except in cases of absolute necessity" was made today by the Office of Defense Transportation in a reminder that the end of the war in Europe now means "full deployment of armies and war materials to the Pacific."

ODT said that organizations, the military, public and private groups from Canada to the Mexican border are being asked to acquaint "every man, woman and child" with facts about west coast transportation requirements "which clearly show the need to preserve space for military and essential travel."

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