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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Due to the alleged beef shortage, the public is urged to save red points, and eat rabbits. What the country needs is a politician who can pull a steer out of a plug hat as they did rabbits in the early days of the depression-recession.

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"In other words, to hell with the German cobras—that's plain enough, isn't it?"—(Royce Brier in S.F. Chronicle.)—Yes, but a bit libelous toward the cobras.

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Eugene is aroused by the desecration of a tiny Jewish synagogue, in an out-break of racial and religious intolerance. There is no evidence any of the hoodlums wore $16 nightgowns with masks attached.

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Cuba is now importing its version of vodka, and some of same has been made available through the state saloons. Imbibers fear for themselves, and future diplomatic relations with Russia, original instigator of the fiery fluid.

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"This war loan is the "Mighty Seventh.' We hope it doesn't prove as spurious as "Mighty Oregon" sometimes in a USC game." — (Salem Statesman.)— Let everybody hope so.

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CAUSE AND EFFECT
(Shenadoah (Ia.) News)
"The William Smiley family residing on a farm near Coin recently had an egg laid by a White Rock hen which was different. It had a formation on one end with a good sized V formation on top of the otherwise smooth shell. Mrs. Smiley has been confined to her home with the mumps."

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The rain continues. Whoever is playing that old phonograph record of "It H'aint Goin' to Rain Any Mo!" will please break it up.

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Japanese in neutral countries are reported sending out peace feelers, seeking something less than unconditional surrender. Washington, D. C. knows nothing about it. Care should be exercised to make sure it is not a "sneak peace" with a demolition bomb concealed in the seat of its pants.

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V. Quisling, the Norse traitor and nazi puppet, will be tried by a jury of countrymen. The rascal would like a change of venue to Germany.

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WOMEN'S HATS IN "95"
(Pendleton East Oregonian)
"The Frazer opera house announces: 'The management of this theater has added one more rule to the regulations of the house. Hereafter, no ladies will be allowed to wear hats in the auditorium unless they are thirty-five years or more.' It is understood that those small pieces of lace with slender feathers sticking up on each side, called the latest in opera bonnets, are not included in the prohibition."—(50 Yrs. Ago Col.)

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Some confusion has arisen over the birthday date of Peoria Bill Gates. The record (unofficial) says it was Wed. and he states it was Thurs. Anyway about 60 years ago he had as good a chance as anybody to be president.

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Britons, out out of work by the end of the war, have gone on a strike. Inasmuch as their government calls them "redundant workers" one can't blame them much.

Florida's private savings now amount to more than four billions of dollars, or almost three times the total 1942 income of its citizens.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, May 15.—If a bunch of armed gangsters should suddenly take over the Crocker Bank on Post and Montgomery what would happen?

A hurry call for police would be sent in, and perhaps 50 of them would rush down there and start to round-up the outlaws.

But what if the gangsters were too strong for them? Then a call would be sent in for the state police.

And what if even then the gangsters were getting the better of it? Well there would be the state militia and the fire department and last but not least the U. S. army and navy.

In other words every potential bank robber knows what he and his pals would be up against if they tried to seize a bank and get away with a million dollars or more.

So they don't try it,—or at least not very often. That is why organized crime does not pay,—because at a moment's notice an overwhelming force can be stacked up against it, and the criminals potentially and otherwise know it.

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Well that is the main job before the conference here,—to prove to the world that war DOES NOT PAY; to serve notice on every potential outlaw nation, that if they start anything they are going to be met by an overwhelming force they can't hope to resist,—for long at least.

Which would not necessarily mean wars would entirely cease, any more than bank robberies have entirely ceased; but would mean they would occur infrequently and then most likely on a small, rather than a large, scale.

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Bearing this example in mind, we can't share the "alarums expressed over these regional agreements like the pact of Chapultepec, or bilateral alliances like the Anglo-Russian 20-year defensive treaty, on the ground they will wreck any League of Nations document drawn up here .

Why should they—any more than having state police and state militia on call,—need wreck any local police force?

We grant the analogy is not a perfect one. But we can't see why these so-called regional agreements and pacts can't function, as local police function,—to put down small and local outbreaks, and if, and when, the lawlessness threatens to spread beyond the control of the local police, then call in the world militia,—or army and navy.

We don't say this will be done, but we fail to see why it couldn't be, and perhaps strengthen rather than weaken the world pact.

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It is reported here Japan has broken off relations with Germany because Germany's surrender violated the Tri-Partite Pact. Doesn't that make Japan eligible to send a delegation to this conference all samee as Argentina? (Before indignant letters are written to ye editor let it be stated this is supposed to be a joke!)

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Several of the important newspaper men here are leaving, but probably close to 1500 of them still remain. It is doubtful if any big news breaks here until near the close if then. The big news as far as the post war era is concerned will be, not this world peace agreement, but the peace TREATY!

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Nevertheless those who wish a liberal education in international relationships and modern diplomacy are wise to stick around.

The New York Times circulates four pages of its regular New York edition here on the day issued, by A. P. telegraph-photo. SOME service!

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Only a paper as rich as the Times could afford to do this but it may be that in another hundred years, those in Medford who wish a New York paper on the day of issue can have it.

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Mr. Jim Farley was here yesterday looking after coca cola sales in this district according to Jim, who is his own press-agent. Don Sterling of the Portland Journal had a long talk with him,—Don knows almost as many of the Big Shots here as Jim, but we have a suspicion coca cola was not the subject of their conversation.

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Did we mention Captain Dick Neuberger, recently stationed in Alaska also being here detailed to the conference by the army. He said he greatly enjoys the stories written by Mrs. E. H. Hedrick, of Medford, appearing from time to time in Collier's—Dick himself, incidentally, is one of the best writers of English produced by the state of Oregon in recent years.—R.W.R.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, May 18.—The fiasco staged in informing the public of the end of its war in Europe was terminated yesterday when Moscow announced, without a wrinkle of a smile, that fighting was ended and the war over, ten days after the AP's too-exclusive disclosure of the surrender.

Paul Mallon

To penetrate the confusing ten days of accusations and to ascertain what really happened, I have consulted the best authorities who sat in on this epic of errors, with the following results:

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THE basic cause of all the trouble was Russia's persistent refusal to believe in a German surrender even when signed. This was why—the only reason why—Gen. Eisenhower attempted to hold back the news of the surrender for at least 36 to 48 hours after it was signed, sealed and delivered.

Some published reports are suggesting Stalin was piqued by the German generals running to Eisenhower for terms. That is not what the Russians told Eisenhower. Their position was one of complete suspicion that the nazis would continue to fight against them despite official surrender.

There was good ground for their suspicion in subsequent events. Fighting against them did continue in some spots, and at the time of their Wednesday, May 16, declaration of peace, it was not clear whether the revolt against them in Czechoslovakia was over.

Indeed, the leading nazis who did not commit suicide were running for our lines.

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WHETHER from pique or genuine military considerations the Russians staged their own surrender of the nazis in Berlin the day after the one near Rheims and their surrenders went into effect at 12:01 a. m. the following day. This was done in spite of the fact that the Rheims surrender covered all fronts and was signed by a soviet general who took part in the negotiations.

This is what caused the delay in announcements to our public and opened the opportunity for the AP denouement, but it was not the beginning. On April 28, nine days before the Rheims surrender, "an American official informed the AP alone at San Francisco that the Germans had surrendered and announcement would be made shortly.

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THE case of the AP's Edward Kennedy was only a sensational climax. Sixteen newsmen witnessed the surrender (the 17th chosen could not go at the last minute).

All the other American correspondents were nearby and were promised what the trade calls fill-ins on the scene, so they could write authentic accounts of it, but only four American newsmen actually were present at the signing. The three press associations and a Baltimore Sun man who had attended the surrender in world war I and four radio men. The other 12 are foreign correspondents, mostly British (whose censorship, incidentally, is easier than ours and has enabled London to announce practically every important event of the war).

After delay of hours, the signing was over at 2:40 a. m. Monday, May 7, and the newsmen wrote their accounts immediately. These were cleared by "field censors," so that the copy would not have to be read again by another censor when SHAEF would release the stories for dispatch.

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KENNEDY'S story was cleared in this unreleased way just as the others. He then waited nearly 12 hours with his story until hearing of the broadcast of German Foreign Minister Von Krosigh on the Flensburg radio, officially broadcasting the surrender as a fact and telling the German people what to do.

Then Kennedy decided to send out the news himself without notifying the army (according to my official army source here), or seeking release from the imposition of secrecy-upon-honor imposed upon all the newsmen by Eisenhower's press man, Brig. Gen. Frank Allen.

He telephoned the story to the London AP office, where there sits a censor 24 hours a day. The censor there did not stop the story and it was cabled to this country and published.

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I DO not wish to be understood as prejudging Mr. Kennedy's case. There may be facts I have not been able to ascertain. On the face of available evidence his predicament seems to involve a simple violation of confidence, a respected and inviolable law of American journalism as sacred as a lawyer's confidence to a client.

There is no other way for free press operation. His friends may say this is one time the British did not beat us on a story and that the Russians did not get away with their attempt to tie up the news, but those other newspapermen who kept the confidence will look at it differently.

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 18, 1935
(It was Sunday)

"Lawrence of Arabia", noted British soldier and author, injured in motorcycle crash.

State relief probe finished; main criticisms are unfounded, report states.

Fair and warmer. High 81, low 41 degrees.

Bert Orr escapes injury when auto is sideswiped on Pacific highway.

Fifteen new officers arrive for CCC duty here.

Luther Deuel explains fruit loan system to growers.

Eagle Point to seek Medford water on public works loan.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
May 18, 1925
(It was Tuesday)

Wild turkeys to be planted in Rogue River valley.

Paris communists launch riots.

Court decree fixes eight hour day on state highway work.

Siskiyou Heights to vote again on coming into city.

City to pass new ordinance taxing theaters.

Fair. High 83, low 53 degrees.

Dr. Ross is thrown off the state fish board.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
May 18, 1911
(It was Thursday)

Heat wave kills many in Chicago.

Mt. Angel college to play Medford nine Sunday here.

Siskiyou Power company plans to invade local field.

Twenty-three wanderers rounded up by police have total of 60 cents.

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

Word For The Aged

To the editor: I would like to say a few words in behalf of the old people. Some are ill, neglected and lonely; some live in shacks, cabins, apartments or hotel rooms. Some have good homes but are lonely. All would appreciate calls, letters, cards or flowers, a ride out in the country or to see a friend.

Children have been taught to "be kind to animals" and many learned their lesson well, but we neglected to teach them to be kind to old people or else we would not have to step off the walk to let bicycles go by (at night) and then hear an insulting remark as they pass.

I know the Scouts are taught to be kind and helpful, but not all children are Scouts.

One of the nicest turns I ever had done for me was by a nice little boy and when I thanked him for it he proudly said "I'm a Boy Scout."

There should be some movement started to remedy this and not all offenders are children either. A Grandmother.
(Name on file)

Evils Return

To the editor: Thirty-five years ago the American people revolted against conditions brought about by gambling, exploitation of the liquor traffic and the grosser activities of the underworld.

Here in California, Hiram W. Johnson, elected governor, took leadership in opposition to these recognized evils. Race-track gambling was abolished, the nickel-in-the-slot machine outlawed, and other remedial legislation enacted. Under the pressure of organized minorities and propaganda, the evils banished a third of a century ago have been restored, although the great, unorganized majority of Californians are unquestionably as definitely opposed as they were thirty-five years ago.

The present California situation has been dragged out for public inspection by recent report of the Grand Jury of my home county, Santa Clara. The Grand Jury, made up of representative citizens, reports that one community, Gilroy, has, in defiance of state laws, licensed gambling joints and nickel-in-the-slot machines. The sheriff of the county is reported as stating that it would be "political suicide" to enforce the anti-gambling laws at Gilroy.

This writer is well acquainted in the Gilroy district. The great majority of Gilroy people are law-abiding, but they are unorganized, inarticulate. The lawless minority is organized, can get out their vote. Perhaps they could make it "political suicide" for a law enforcement officer to enforce the law. The organized minority of the state machine which Governor Johnson defeated could do just that. But when the lawless element went a bit too far the majority swept them into the political discord. And what was done in California was done throughout the nation.

Gilroy is a cross-section of the California situation. California is probably, at it was in Governor Johnson's time, a cross-section of the states of the Union. The great majority of law-abiding Americans will not, in the long run, submit to the corrupting influences of an exploiting minority.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...

GEORGE: "Yes, I certainly would like to hear why you call that an old fashioned idea, Judge."

OLD JUDGE: "Glad to tell you, George. Until recently, a person known as an alcoholic was generally treated as a social outcast. Little if anything was done to understand him or help him. But, during the past few years, medical research and study has developed that alcoholics are really sick people . . . that there is usually a deep-rooted physical, social or emotional reason behind their behavior. That's why today so much is being done to help them by finding out and correcting the condition that leads them to excess."

GEORGE: "How many folks are there like that, Judge?"

OLD JUDGE: "Well, according to scientific research, 95% of the people who drink, drink sensibly. 5% do so unwisely, at times. Included in that 5% is the small percentage of the sick people I'm talking about."

GEORGE: "That certainly gives me a clearer picture. It's the most sensible approach I've ever heard on the subject."

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