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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

An oil boom is now brewing in this fair commonwealth, and pictorial proof of same appears in the metropolitan journals.

Old timers will recall the Trigonia well in Fern Valley about 25 years ago, when eating clubs sang, "There's Oil in the Soil of the Valley," to the tune of a "Girl in the Heart of Maryland."

And, all roads leading thereto, had signs reading: "DANGER. NO SMOKING. OIL WELL TWO MILES."

Spain officially denies the report P. Laval, the Vichy viper, committed suicide. In a life, unmarred by a single honorable act, it was unfair to assume, Mons. Laval would conclude it with one.

"He was safely liberated from a German prison, but is now in British hands."—(Paisley Items).

—Out of the fire and into the frying pan.

A BARBER CUTS UP (Mankato (Kan.) Herald)

"Facial Upholsterer and Designer of Features"

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JESS THE BARBER.

—(From A. Kissinger.)

The President is reported "not happy" with the situation in Argentina, but in accord with the "good neighbor" policy. There is some doubt about the "good neighbor" being good.

"VICTORY Garden weather is expected during the week-end by the Weather Bureau."—(Detroit News).—The same condition prevails in this neck of the weeds.

Many are the reports about the hunger of the "poor Germans," who bullheadedly prolonged the war, when defeat was certain and inevitable, when they should have been plowing and planting, instead of shooting at Allied troops. On this point the teary-yanking reports of Washington bureaus, and scribes who have visited the kraut murder depots in the Reich, fail to jibe, except no average American comprehends the ruthless brutality they practiced. Wrote the editor of one Detroit paper: "At Weimar, except for an occasional smashed building, the illusion continued. In no American city have I ever seen in wartime a people who looked better fed, more prosperous. The women are wearing silk hose; the children have shoes of a type denied our children. The deep-bosomed women and girls and the men and boys seem overfed if anything."

There seems to be no immediate need for Americans to tighten their belts, until they are wasp-waisted.

Another Monday morning. No juvenile from force of habit took off to school and forgot to mow the lawn.

The weather continues recalcitrant. Many fear June will bring the snow the Older Girls demanded for a white Christmas last December.

Strawberries have started to ripen. Due to a shortage of shortening, and lack of sugar, there is a shortage of strawberry shortcake.

The white pine blister campaign got underway the first of the week. This has nothing to do with marching a boy to the woodshed.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, May 29.—Two rather interesting meetings. First, another press conference presided over by Mr. Herbert Vere Evatt, foreign minister of Australia.

Second: A public meeting at the Scottish Rite Temple, devoted to the East Indian problem with Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit the principal speaker.

Rather an amusing contrast.

Brother Evatt a heavy set, iron-grey, square-jawed cockney, who might have won the dockyard lightweight wrestling title in his youth; and Mrs. V. Pandit, one of the most charming, graceful, and really beautiful women now residing in this city of beautiful women, and speaking the most fluent and melodious English. Yet the first stoutly loyal to the British Empire and eager to preserve it; the latter just as eager and determined to break it up, with the complete independence of India as the first step.

It was refreshing to listen to the Australian foreign minister, who was so completely frank, direct and free from frills as well as the Oxford accent.

What was HIS complaint?

The insistence on the part of Soviet Russia, (Russia was not mentioned, however) that not only in matters of action, but in matters of conciliation and consideration, members of the Big Five should have a one-vote veto.

As he well said, we quote:

"It would be preposterous if, although ten members of the Security Council might anxiously desire to attempt conciliation, one single great power could, by exercising its veto insist that a dispute between two other states shall drag on indefinitely."

The Australian leader declared he had heard no convincing argument to sustain such undemocratic procedure. Neither have we. Nor we believe has anyone.

For in our opinion there is no argument. There is only a demand. Yet as things look now it is a demand that will in all probability be granted, another entry under the well known heading of appeasement.

A large crowd reminiscent of Los Angeles greeted Mrs. Pandit, the L. A. flavor being due to the number of queer-looking women and long-haired men in the audience as well as their evangelical fervor.

"Down with imperialism," not only British imperialism, but Dutch, French and U. S. imperialism, was the keynote of this meeting.

And because the present Security conference refuses to join in this effort—or even give an audience to the anti-imperialistic bloc,—it is:

"Down with the Conference"—merely words, words, words; "noise and fury signifying nothing."

Well it was a great testimonial to freedom of speech and assembly in this country. For while there was no direct call to arms, the implication of all that was said was simply this:

"The San Francisco conference will do nothing. Great Britain under the present government or a labor government will do nothing. So it all comes down to a case of 'God Help Those Who Help Themselves' and DOING something."

And doing something means—yes it was so declared,—another war!

In marked contrast to her first meeting here Mrs. Pandit displayed a fatigue, a sadness, a sense of spiritual exhaustion, which was extremely appealing,—one could not help but be stirred by her sincerity, and moved by the futility of her position,—at least as far as this conference is concerned.

What we can't understand is why a woman as fine and intelligent as Mrs. Pandit appears to be, should persist in this propaganda campaign here when the issue will not,—and should not,—come before this Security Conference AT ALL.

As we have stated so often this is not a peace conference, it is a conference to construct a machine DESIGNED to prevent wars,—and that is all it is proposed to do.

Imagine what a mess would result if in addition to this tremendous job, the delegates here assembled had to decide what is to be done about India.

For if India, of course all other colonial matters would have to be decided, all other questions of racial boundaries as well as geographical ones,—it would be much like throwing a piece of

horse-meat into the middle of a trained lion-act, or a pussy-cat into a dog-show arena.

The innocent bystander would be lucky to get out alive!

Yet these East Indians persist, and persist, and persist,—and now Orson Wells,—who is suffering definitely from delusions of grandeur is to join them,—at another meeting! And so it goes!—R.W.R.

San Francisco, May 30.—This is Memorial Day. Here, at least, cold, overcast and with an occasional sprinkle.

Everyone,—or almost everyone we imagine—here in this country has much the same thought; a thought for those who have died in this war, not so much for those who died in previous wars. For the casualties in this war,—over a million of them,—are so near to us all,—so fresh in our minds.

And that ugly thought obtrudes: did they die for something worth while, or did they, TOO, die in vain?

That IS an ugly thought.

For if they did die in vain; if this nation and crazy, cockeyed planet IS not materially better for their sacrifices,—and the sacrifices of their families—then how can anyone really keep sane?

The answer to that is,—they did NOT die in vain?

Not one of them. And the satisfaction of this Decoration Day,—at least to us,—is that with the complete defeat of Nazi Germany, that truth is so evident.

For the defeat of Nazi Germany meant also the defeat of the theory that might makes right; the defeat of the belief that there is no moral law, written or unwritten, but the end always justifies the means,—if it contributes to the benefit of ONE special race,—ONE chosen nation!

In short Nazi Germany stood for an AMORAL world; and her defeat means we are never going to have an amoral world. We are to live in a world where right will not NECESSARILY mean might; but where the right WILL, now and in the future, be supported BY superior might. The might not only of the conscience of the world, but the armed force of the world.

Yes there, as we see it, is the unusual quality of this Decoration Day—it happens to have come so near the end of one epoch, and the beginning of another, therefore the lesson is so plain, and so deeply consoling.

Germany surrendered near the start of this month; Decoration Day comes at the end of it, and the fighting—and dying—still goes on in Okinawa!

BUT,—

That defeat of Germany,—and the defeat of Japan which is certain to follow EVENTUALLY,—also defeats the Axis doctrine and,—

In this world, regardless of all other considerations, nothing succeeds like success; nothing fails,—like FAILURE!

So those lives that were lost,—nothing can pay for them in a personal sense, of course, but this isn't a personal world, and this has not been a personal war,—wars or worlds never are!

What the heroic dead did contribute, as far as the human race and its future is concerned, as far as this world is concerned,—their sacrifices were not only worth while, but SAVED the world; giving us a world of decency and right; instead of a world of indecency and wrong!

Well, at any rate, that was the thought we had on Decoration Day, although we missed the parade, and found nothing very inspiring in the Commission meeting at the Opera House, though it was presided over by one of our favorites,—and in our judgment one of the few really BIG men at this conference—Field Marshal Smuts of South Africa.

Again Russia sprung a last minute surprise, by objecting to giving an official call to a paragraph in the Smuts report,—or at least an interpretation of it,—which would have denied the one-power veto right on selection of the Secretary-General of the Security organization. EVERYTHING WAS SET FOR THIS ACTION. Chairman Smuts had given his endorsement, representatives from both The Netherlands and Australia had spoken in favor and no one against.

Then a Mr. Novikov, a young man and one of the few English-speaking members of the Russian delegation, advanced to the podium, and urged that before any vote were taken the entire question be referred back to the steering committee.

The delegate from The Netherlands opposed this, but General Smuts after conferring with the committee secretary, announced that such a request by M. Novikov was entirely in order, and without objection, the motion would be granted.

There were no further objections, so it was granted and AGAIN there will be delay.

But that really should worry no one,—the delay we mean.

To hear some of the local newsmen talk one might think this a six-day bicycle race that had to be terminated at a certain hour and a certain day, or all would be lost. There is no point in

dragging on needlessly, of course; but speed is not the important factor here; getting a charter that will WORK,—IS! And only one reasonably acceptable to Russia and ALL the Great Powers, WILL.—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

June 4, 1935

(It was Tuesday)

Salem shaken by blast set off for capitol building excavating.

Fire chief warns against grass fires.

Tomato and melon growers of valley get NRA regulations for crops.

Jean Eberhart named new SONS coach.

Babe Ruth threatens to quit baseball.

Bear shot on Phoenix ranch by Dick and Leo Sakraida.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

June 4, 1915

(It was Wednesday)

State Grange asks Gov. Pierce to investigate expenses of state institutions of higher education. Political row looms.

Norway to send fliers to seek trace of Roald Amundsen, lost explorer.

President Coolidge in naval academy address declares:

"There will be no more wars, only when human nature has changed."

Unsettled with showers. High 64, low 42 degrees.

Frost season in valley officially ends.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY

June 4, 1911

(It was Sunday)

Thirteen boys and 13 girls, largest senior class in Medford history graduate from high school.

Eugene Ely, birdman, makes three flights over valley, to wonderment of entire county.

Police start war on autos without headlights.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

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Margaret Osenluggie

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BRITISH-FRENCH PACT CALLED OFF

London, June 4.—(U.P.)—Completion of a proposed 20-year mutual aid treaty between Britain and France appeared indefinitely postponed today because of friction between the two powers in the Levant crisis.

Anglo-French relations have reached the most strained point since Gen. Charles De Gaulle assumed office as president of the provisional government, and there is no sign that Britain is relenting in her hard policy toward France.

Summer School At SOCE Scheduled to Start On June 12

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, June 4—President Walter Redford, announcing opening of summer school at the Southern Oregon College of Education, stated that a program is planned to meet the needs of 1945 teachers, as determined from observation and reports from teachers in the field.

A workshop of five and a half weeks will be held at the Lincoln Training school, to include work through the first six grades. The workshop is so designed that students of teaching may each work out his own project or problem, aided by the Lincoln school faculty. Work rooms equipped with art, music and construction material will be open at all times, and newly

adopted textbooks will be on display for daily use.

In addition to work in the training school, the college is offering the usual full schedule for those working toward a degree.

Students register Monday, June 11, and classes begin Tuesday, June 12. Already students are arriving for consultation and housing. Dr. Redford states, and prospects are good for full summer school according to the interest manifested.

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

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Mr. Robert Rucker, one of the drivers of Conger-Morris' black and white ambulance, has just been awarded a standard Red Cross first aid card. Training such as this is an important phase of our service.

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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.

In Defense of Dogs

To the editor:

In regard to communications of Francis H. Ames concerning barking dogs:

It is the natural instinct of a dog to bark or whine when tied or in a place where it cannot run. During April, May and June, according to city laws all dogs must be kept up.

Now does Frances think she could control the wall of a fire siren, the ding of a street car, the dong of a church bell, the whir of an airplane? If so I would suggest that Francis go to the city council (if she lives in the city of Medford) and see what she could do in regard to having the city law revoked so that all dogs could run at large the year around instead of a few that live on the outskirts of the city.

In defense of all tied dogs, R. H. SINGLER,

27 Rose avenue.

NEW CARRIER

Norfolk, Va., June 4.—(U.P.)

The United States today hurled another mighty aircraft carrier into the battle of the Pacific to help meet the challenge of Japanese suicide plane attacks.

The 27,500 ton Lake Champlain, 28th major U. S. carrier exclusive of escort carriers, was christened and commissioned here yesterday and will join the fleet in the Pacific immediately.

MALONE TO RUN

Hollywood, June 4.—(U.P.)

Aged Dudley Field Malone, assistant secretary of state under Woodrow Wilson, intends to file as a candidate for the U. S. senate in 1946 on both Democratic and Republican tickets in California.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

OPERATION:

General Expense \$ 20,654.00

Right of Way Old Line 25.00

Big Butte Springs Line 5,316.00

City Distribution System 12,103.00

MAINTENANCE:

General Expense 2,500.00

Right of Way Old Line 75.00

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Bonds Outstanding Int. Rate July August Sept. October January February March May Total Grand Total

GENERAL BOND FUND:

AIRPORT "A" \$ 28,000.00 1 1/2% P- \$ 4,000.00

AIRPORT SERIES "B" 7,000.00 1 1/4% P- 1,000.00

I- 253.75

TOTAL \$ 35,000.00 5,253.75

CONSOLIDATED IMP. BONDS \$200,000.00 6 I- \$ 6,000.00

TOTAL IMP. BOND FUNDS \$ 58,929.03 16,058.75

GRAND TOTAL \$293,929.03 \$ 2,581.25 \$ 117.50 \$ 4,140.00 \$ 287.50 \$ 40.62 \$ 2,117.50 \$ 70.00 \$25,413.12 \$ 25,413.12

STATEMENT OF BONDS OUTSTANDING

Date of Issue Maturity Date Int. Rate Bonds Outstanding Total Cash Balance

GENERAL BONDS:

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION Series "A" 1-15-41 1945-51 1 1/2% \$ 28,000.00 \$ 35,000.00 \$ 18,032.42

Series "B" 7-15-41 1945-51 1 1/4% 7,000.00 200,000.00 14,370.66

CONSOLIDATED IMP. IMPROVEMENT BONDS:

Series "A" 7-1-35 1945-46 3 1/4% 24,500.00

Series "B" 7-1-35 1945-46 3 1/4% 4,000.00

Series "C" 8-1-35 1945-46 3 1/4% 5,000.00

Series "D" 11-1-35 1945-46 3 1/2% 8,000.00

Series "E" 3-1-42 1946-47 1 1/2% 4,000.00

Series "F" 3-1-42 1948-52 1 1/2% 10,000.00

Series "WM" 7-1-35 1945-46 3 1/2% 3,429.03

SEWAGE DISPOSAL BONDS 9-1-35 1945-59 5 272,000.00

WATER BONDS: \$500,000.00 4-1-28 1946-55 4 373,000.00

Refunding 12-15-42 1945-49 1 1/4% 101,000.00 49,146.36

TOTAL BONDS OUTSTANDING \$730,929.03 \$135,010.49

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true statement of the proposed budget of expenditures and receipts for the tax year commencing July 1, 1945, as adopted by the Budget Committee of the City of Medford, Oregon, on May 22, 1945, and together with the budget estimates for the tax year commencing July 1, 1944, and a summary of the expenditures for the previous tax years, as required to be published by law; and notice is hereby given to all persons interested therein that the Council will meet in the City Hall in said city on Tuesday, June 19, 1945, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. of said day and then and there discuss said budget and make levy of city taxes for expenditures for the tax year 1945-46; and at said time and place any person therein can meet with the Council and be heard in favor of or against said tax levy or any part thereof, and discuss the same.

J. R. WOODFORD, Recorder.

BUDGET—WATER DEPARTMENT

CURRENT WATER FUND July 1, 1945, to June 30, 1946

ESTIMATED BALANCE JUNE 30, 1945 \$ 52,146.36

Receipts: Interest on Investment \$ 900.00

Transfer from Water Fund 45,000.00 45,900.00

Disbursements: Reservoir Construction \$ 274,092.25

Estimated Balance June 30, 1946 \$ 211,400.00

BUDGET WATER BOND SINKING FUND July 1, 1945, to June 30, 1946

ESTIMATED BALANCE JUNE 30, 1945 \$ 52,146.36

Receipts: Interest on Investment \$ 900.00

Transfer from Water Fund 45,000.00 45,900.00

Disbursements: Bonds Maturing \$ 98,046.36

Estimated Balance June 30, 1946 \$ 42,000.00

Estimated Balance June 30, 1946 \$ 56,046.36

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