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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Krupps, the bomb ruined German steel and munitions works, have asked the Allies for permission to resume operations without stating what they intend to produce.

Old Sol beamed fervidly yes. Pedestrians flocked to shade faster than it could be produced, and a shortage was noted, though point free.

The Treasury reports "the stupefying total of \$26,548,000,000" is now in circulation. This means, it is further explained, everybody has \$191 in his pocket.

Cherries are ripe, with more boys and birds than cherries in the trees.

YE ED. LOOKS AROUND (Mill City Enterprise)
Isn't it nearly time, after these late few years of "modern styles and hobbies," for some old fogey to declare his disgust of the near-nudeness of apparel some women display sometimes during a summer months—we believe they call "em shorts"?

The high court has ruled H. Bridges of Australia is not a Communist and will not have to return to his native land. In the heyday of his hectoring on the Pacific coast docks, Mr. Bridges was no docile silen, as now. He won by a score of 5 to 3. The German bundists did better. They won 5-4. Only Americans are menaces to America.

After attending summer Bible school on Wednesday he stole the hat and pistol and was apprehended. (Klamath Falls Herald)—Violent sinner nabbed.

The song of the mowing machine is again heard in the rural regions. The hardy drivers thereof have taken some of the torridity out of the red-hot castron seat by cushioning it with a sheepskin, woolly side up.

Gen. Eisenhower, conquering hero and Allied commander-in-chief presents a three-point peace plan to Congress that takes no "cognizance of world politics." He urges the abolishment of the German general staff as insurance against war. At San Francisco the world security conference has talked more about the Polish boundaries than getting rid of the war makers.

The state votes Friday at a special election on a tax of two cents on each package of cigarettes. The measure, cooked up at the last session of the legislature, is a weak-kneed sales tax, a special hate of Oregon voters, and in all likelihood will receive the pummeling it needs at the polls. Pipe, cigar, snuff and users of tobacco in all other forms are outside the tax.

IT'S ABOUT TIME
When I went home on furlough, I found my wife had been running around with another man. I could take that because I haven't been friendly with her since I was drafted. But when I got back to camp I found the Wac I liked had been dating my first sergeant. Naturally, I went to see my girl in Columbus for consolation, and believe it or not, she was out with another man. I've lost all faith in women. Perplexed.—(Love Agony Col.)

Vote "300" Yes!

The bill authorizing a tax levy of \$10,000,000, to be voted on this Friday, should be passed. It represents MUST legislation.

For if it is not passed, and not passed NOW, the people of this state will not only lose far more than that in cash-money, but lose incalculably in state prestige and self-respect.

FOR here is the situation: The buildings of the state institutions of higher learning in Oregon are woefully inadequate under present conditions, when the registrations are down to an irreducible minimum because of the war.

But the situation today is nothing, compared to what it will be a year hence. For then the war undoubtedly will be over, and added to the normal influx of new students, there will be a genuine avalanche of ex-service men who will want to take advantage of the education,—especially technical education,—promised them by legislation recently passed by the people of this state.

That promise, however, can NOT be kept unless new buildings and equipment are provided at once and they CAN NOT be provided, except by the passage of this measure!

The defeat of the bill, therefore, as we see it, would be tragic. Thousands of our own boys coming home from the war eager to better prepare themselves for a useful life, and unable to do so,—in their own state at least, for lack of educational facilities.

THIS is no political whang-doodle, no humdrum sales-talk! The present writer happens to KNOW, what the condition of the physical plant in the institutions of higher education in this state is; and how imperative the extensions and improvements, this measure would provide, are.

We don't believe anyone, fully familiar with the facts, would consider voting against this portion of the tax levy, under circumstances which now exist.

THE necessity of passing the other portion of this bill is not as great, but it is also highly desirable.

For years now—a full decade in fact,—the conditions at the state hospital, the state penitentiary, the Boys' Training School and other institutions of the sort have been little short of scandalous.

We can't believe there is a tax-payer in the state who has visited the State Hospital, for example, and as a result has first hand knowledge of the conditions existing there, who would fail to vote "yes" on this proposal, as a matter of plain humanity and decency, if nothing else. For the conditions have been, and are, a disgrace. Only exceptional management has avoided serious results, and in many cases avoidable loss of life.

FINALLY, as has been pointed out, voting this \$10,000,000 tax levy will not raise property taxes in the state by a dime.

For while the measure technically calls for such an increase, because of the income-tax offset (income tax revenues can be used only for property-tax reduction) there will be none.

This is, of course, technically a subterfuge. But not actually.

There is nothing improper about it,—no more improper than to borrow money to release a certain sum in escrow, and then paying it back with the money thus released and using the money at no added expense.

SO as a matter of good BUSINESS and good MORALS vote 300 Yes at the special election Friday. The defeat of such a measure at this time would be as stated be most unfortunate for the state, and for everyone in it. Defeat would be a minor catastrophe in fact. R.W.R.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, June 18:

If they intend to give various and sundry decorations to the delegates to this conference we would suggest giving the decoration for all-around attractiveness, to the delegates from China. This goes for men and women alike. Under the heading of attractiveness we include intelligence, idealism and charm. In fact we have about decided a really smart and cultured Chinese woman is about the most attractive feminine type there is. (OUCH! how many subscribers do we lose with THAT one!)

And while on the matter of awarding honors we would give the prize for clear thinking and forceful presentation to the "Cockney spokesman" of Australia. We have listened to him in and out of public sessions, and have yet to find a flaw in his logic or his essential rightness. He also has courage. He would never have gotten where he is in the British Empire, with THAT accent if he had lacked it. His name is Ewatt.

Remember that song of long ago, "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly?" and the well known phrase, "Let'er go Gallagher."

Well, there is a Kelly here; also a Gallagher, and they both hail from South America! The former is a subordinate, but the latter is head of his world-court committee, and a very successful lawyer south of the Rio Grande.

It is a pretty safe wager that two young Irish-Americans with the Celtic passion for fighting joined one of the South American revolutions a generation or so ago, and never came back!

The historian of the future may be puzzled as to

why 50 nations all giving enthusiastic lip-service to democracy, should refuse to adopt democratic principles in their deliberations. And one of the primary democratic principles is the rule of the majority. (Ever consider what the United States would be today if majority rule had not prevailed?)

Had the rule of the majority prevailed here, instead of the rule of two-thirds, the nature of the charter would be entirely different from what it is now, and promises to be when the final period is put down. Just to cite one example: On the one-nation-veto, 20 nations voted to retain it, 10 voted to repeal; but 20 nations either refused to vote or refused to attend the meeting. And of the latter not one favored the veto!

Or to express the same idea in another way: On a committee of 50 members, the final decision was made by 20 members, because the vote of 34 members was required to prevent it. R.W.R.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 19—Those senators back from Europe had far more to say than offered in their views.



Their private reports on their quick study of the western end of the continent would make your ears curl. Here are some of the things they did not make public: De Gaulle is staving off an election in France because he fears the communists will sweep him and all democrats into the discard.

THE French people are not as fully filled with admiration of us as the cheering movie newsreels sometimes suggest. They see American soldiers not always as their liberators but as highly paid strangers (strangers who travel in jeeps while others walk, and are well-fed, while they are not).

The French powers likewise resent the presence of American forces in North Africa because we tend to give the Arabs ideas of liberty which the French do not consider healthful for their colonists.

Their ruined industries, shortages of materials and unbelievable extreme decay in morals are combining to break the stamina of the nation and make it an easy prey for any opposition to existing rule—and the sole present, powerful opposition is the political absurdity known as communism.

Their heritage runs back into a great love of liberty as deep as our own, but they are to a considerable extent a peasant people, and therefore easily subject to harsh, disciplined leadership of dictators. So far they have not come to that yet, but there is resignation apparent among millions of them who do not have enough to eat and not enough work. They are in the mood for subjection by any over-running political power.

IN Italy, communism is much stronger than dispatches have led us to suspect. The revolutionary movement is kept down mainly by the American military force of occupation. It seems to have all the political spending money there is in hand-to-hand circulation there. All the symptoms of dejected resignation apparent in France are also present in Italy, including the decline in morals.

The Belgians and Dutch seem to have much more character, more stamina, are more insistent upon liberty and Christian principles. They are trying harder to revive. Their people show less moral decay.

Whether the people in Anglo-French-American Germany can be made democratic is yet unclear. They are not only dejected but sullen and all believe they face years of dire existence as their penalty for making war.

But these areas, all of them, are in our sphere of democratic influence, and therefore the most favorable sections of the continent. The Russians have everything else in their lap (except possibly Greece, which is held on the knee, so-to-speak). And everything the Russians have is completely blacked out from the

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rest of the wide world.

NOTHING valid or penetrating is known by us of Yugoslavia, Romania, Bulgaria, Austria or Czechoslovakia, except that Stalin is there setting up the kind of governments he wants, and one other confirmed fact—all anti-communist opposition is being liquidated.

The Polish issue, which we discuss so extensively, is a minor matter as compared with this whole of middle and southeastern Europe which is already operating on a Russian axis. By a trade treaty with Romania, Russia has taken the full measure of Romanian economy of economic, political or any other conditions in these nations. However, we know only what the soviet propaganda censorship gives us. They are just the same as soviet territory today as far as we are concerned—and perhaps as far as their people are concerned.

MANY courses of probable action are being discussed. Anglo-French relations certainly need to be fixed at once.

A food conference of all the allied nations also seems possible. We cannot do anything important on this in the present crisis in our own larder, but Canada, Australia, Latin America and other nations have food. There is no starvation in Europe yet, but there may be this coming winter. In fact, winter is likely also to be the critical political time.

If the inroads of despair can be held back until this critical coming period is passed, a few of the senators have an idea the problem of Europe may possibly be worked out.

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.

Orchids To Mann's
To the editor: I wish to comment on Mann's slogan "ONE of Oregon's Fine Department Stores." Truly a beautiful slogan. It is void of selfishness and boastfulness. We read so much propaganda such as Best, Biggest, etc., solely for selling purposes. One can really appreciate this fine slogan. Compliments to our home store. MRS. J. H. HARRIS, Rt. 4, Box 244.

Freedom For Dogs
To the editor: Instead of training the poor unhappy, chained dogs to be silent, why can't the many dog lovers stand together and compel the council to revoke this cruel, foolish law? If dogs can fight and die in their country's service they are entitled to freedom. P. H. S., Omaha, Neb.

COVER GIRL SIGNED
Hollywood, June 19—(U.P.)—Cover girl Suzi Crandall of Chicago today was signed for a long term movie contract by Vanguard studios. Miss Crandall will go before the cameras next month in a featured role in Alfred Hitchcock's "Notorious." Miss Chicago of 1942 and runner-up in the Miss America contest.

Rubber life rafts are equipped with searchlights, the size of a walnut, that can send a 1,500 candlepower beam for 70 miles.

MINISTERS URGED TO FILL NEED FOR NAVY CHAPLAINS

The urgent need for chaplains in the United States Navy was presented by Lt. Paul B. McCleave of the Navy Chaplain's Corps here Monday on a tour of Oregon to interest clergymen in serving in the Navy Chaplain Corps. He is on duty at the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 426 Park Building, Portland, Oregon, where navy chaplain applications are handled.

Chaplain McCleave interviewed ministers interested in serving as chaplains with the United States Navy.

Chaplain McCleave, just returned from 21 months service aboard a cruiser in the Pacific, states that the need for chaplains is so urgent and drastic that it is no longer a matter of whether a man wants to serve or not, "but is a matter that the lives and souls of some 875,000 men depend the immediate action of ministers to join the service."

The navy finds itself short some 700 protestant chaplains in its service and is making a concerted drive to secure this number before the summer is over.

After serving almost three years in the navy ashore and afloat, Chaplain McCleave said that there is no mass religious revival going on throughout the service. "The service man is not going to flock to the doors of the church unless the church realizes its responsibility and goes out to the men in the fighting front," he said. "The number of ministers that are eligible is small because of the high requirements of the navy for its chaplains, so the responsibility of those eligible to these men is great."

All ministers who are interested in serving are encouraged to write or see Chaplain McCleave at the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 426 Park Building, Portland, Oregon.

Thompson Writes Of Small Indian Adopted by Yanks

Staff Sgt. John (Jack) A. Thompson, of Medford, wrote to his family recently from Burma, where he is stationed with an American air combat unit, the Burma Beacocks, about a small Indian boy named "Hobbie" whom the Burma air unit has adopted. The story of Hobbie's adoption, entitled "No Mommie, No Poppie," appears in the June 18 issue of Liberty magazine.

Name, birthplace, or age of the small Indian lad are not known, but according to photographs and letters from Thompson to his mother, Mrs. Orin Schenck, and his sister, Miss Helen Thompson, 29 Summit avenue, Hobbie is five or six years old, has a wide smile, and dresses in made over G. I. clothes. He had received a rating of sergeant. Hobbie is now attending an American Catholic mission school and has received an honorable discharge from the corps.

Staff Sgt. Thompson has been overseas two years and was employed by Copco for six years before entering the service.

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Jeep Outlook For Civilians Poor; Most Will Remain In War Region

By Frederick C. Othman
United Press Correspondent
Washington — (U.P.) — So you want a jeep. Everybody wants a jeep. Including me.

This is a sad story. I'm afraid we're out of luck. There just aren't any for sale. Whether there ever will be is a question. A Chicago junk dealer a while back sought a small mountain of smashed jeeps. The surplus property boys thought he'd use his scrap iron for melting purposes, but not this wily Chicagoan. He smoothed out the fenders, rebuilt the motors, straightened the wheels, swapped parts and came up with a few jeeps for sale.

Don't get the idea the government's denouncing him. The experts think he's helped a little in easing the transport squeeze. A radio actor (I can't remember if it was Lum or Abner) bought one for \$1,200. He told me it was a little sockdolager that he only put in low gear when he climbed telephone poles.

A discharged marine, name of Donald Lomax, bought a jeep in Chicago and drove it to his home in Queensville, N. Y., where he's the envy of all the neighbors. There are a few other jeeps in civilian hands around the country but not more than a dozen or so all told. It doesn't look as if there ever will be many more.

The army said so far it has bought 618,000 jeeps. That's a lot of jeeps. The first 45,000, being experimental models, cost \$1,500 per copy. After that the price shook down to \$960 each. The army's still buying 'em but by the end of the year production will be down 76 per cent.

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It turns out further that a jeep fundamentally is a quarter-ton truck and trucks are what Europe needs most. The head men still are arguing the subject, but odds are that the jeeps still running in Europe will be left there to haul stuff for the bomb-ravaged natives.

Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

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"Country Gentlemen" to print article on Rogue farming. Special message of Roosevelt asks for boost in taxes. Social security bill passed by senate.

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