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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Pezzy

Upstate reports on the capers of teen-agers, indicate the proposed, but opposed, compulsory military training for youth, might be the cure for juvenile delinquency. Parents, preachers, police, and teachers have fizzled, though trying hard. A tough top sergeant, backed by the army, should have a chance to show what he can do.

The 'Big Three' conference on world peace opened today, in Potsdam Palace near Berlin, the stamping grounds of Kaiser Wilhelm, a gentleman though German, when compared to the late crop of Nazi thugs. Messrs. Churchill of England, Stalin of Russia, and Truman of America, will do the talking. Fears are felt in some circles, the president will emerge from the little end of the horn in the conversations. He hails from Missouri in Russia, and Missouri in England. He wears the bronze 'Show Me' medal for diplomacy, instead of the Distinguished Lying Cross.

IRA IS IRED
(Independence Enterprise)
'Ira Mix, president of the First National Bank of Independence, left the bank Wednesday morning to see a lady on some bank business. Soon after he returned a lady came to the bank carrying his hat. She asked, 'Is that man here?' 'I guess he forgot his hat.' 'To say the least, Ira was embarrassed, especially with all the good-looking lady bank employees being present.'

A detailed inspection of railroad equipment is sought in a bill before Congress. Nobody cares what kind of an automobile is driven on the highways and byways.

'Social fact is making your company feel at home, even though you wish they were'—(Exchange). All the Older Girls know this trick.

Another citizen this week observes his 30th anniversary of doing what he is told.

The State Game Commission has set September 29th, as the opening date for legally getting shot for a deer. Many hunters can hardly wait—but they better.

COW COUNTRY JOY
(Lakeview Examiner)
'The cook, Lloyd Ogle, threw all restraint to the winds what there was of wind and stripped to the waist. He really could cook steak and did. He served the steaks 'Bawling' or you could rope 'em yourself. They were wonderful.'

Italy, at long last, has declared war on Japan. This should be a bitter struggle between two of the most pulverized nations on earth, and comes when the Mikado's realm is in worse shape, that either Ethiopia or Greece, and her back more vulnerable to a stab than France.

'FARMERS TOLD TO LEAN ON SELVES'—(Hdline Del Norte (Cal.) Triplet.)—There has been enough lifting themselves up by their own bootstraps.

Watermelons are gaining roundly rapidly and will soon be big enough to steal.

\$300 BURN
Bristol, Conn., July 16.—(U.P.)—Police reported today that Stephen Ostroski, 36, was so 'burned up' over his arrest on charges of intoxication and breach of the peace that he set afire \$300 he had on his person in the police lock-up.

Timber—Our Greatest Resource

In this age of steel tanks and ships it is interesting to note that the Army is as dependent upon wood today as it was in the days of the log stockade, and the Navy is dependent upon lumber as it was in the days of John Paul Jones.

The Army needs wood for great cantonments; the Navy uses 300,000 feet of lumber for the decking on a single steel-hulled battleship and a million feet for a single mobile dry dock. That is why the mills of this area and the entire nation are working at capacity in an effort to meet military needs. That is why men are sorely needed in sawmills and woods of Jackson county so that war requirements can be satisfied.

JACKSON County has a sizeable stake in this industry. More than 11 million dollars worth of lumber was marketed from the Medford working circle last year, with Uncle Sam directly or indirectly the major customer. Lumber dollars have flowed freely through the arteries of trade in this section of the state. They should continue to do so in the form of payrolls after the war, as this industry needs no peacetime conversion and postwar demands are certain to be heavy.

WE must, of course, guard carefully such an important source of income. Technological progress finds wood producing almost everything—homes, plywoods and plastics, synthetic tires, motor fuels, paper, textiles and even explosives. New words such as 'compreg,' 'papreg' and 'impreg' hint of developments of which we are scarcely aware today. And the greater the expansion of wood uses the more will be the payrolls of this industry to bolster Rogue River Valley's postwar economy.

FIRE is, of course, the greatest single threat to the forests—the source of immediate and future wealth.

And right now is the danger time for fire in southern Oregon.

A destructive forest fire at this time would curtail wartime production and thus hamper the war effort. It would lay waste southern Oregon's great scenic resources, destroy wildlife and ravage the all-important water-shed sources of municipal and irrigation water and hydro-electric power.

MORE than that, it would divert manpower from the job of producing vitally needed war materials to the non-productive task of fighting fire. Lightning-caused fires are keeping present fire-fighting staffs busy. Every precaution should be taken to see that man-made fires do not increase the serious problem now faced.

THROUGH the energetic work of 'Keep Oregon Green' committees, this program has become almost a religion with the people of this valley. Education with young folks through the Green Guards is paying dividends too. The public here is alert to the danger of forest fires and aware of loss that a damaging blaze would mean to every person living in southern Oregon. Keeping Oregon green is a matter of self-interest as well as a responsibility of good citizenship in this state.

AND so, with temperatures high and humidity low at this time of year, it behooves everyone who enters the forests to drown their campfires and see that cigarettes are not carelessly tossed aside. Never was an ounce of prevention quite so important.—H.G.

Eden Was Right

The failure of the Simla conference sustains Foreign Minister Anthony Eden in his declaration at San Francisco.

Subject to severe criticism by the members of the East Indian press and the 'rebel' delegation for his statement that Britain would give India Dominion status, whenever the Indians could agree among themselves, the official spokesman of the British delegation nevertheless stuck to his guns, insisted that Britain had done her share to bring about a satisfactory settlement, the delay was due, not to Britain but solely to the inability of the Indian factions to agree.

AT a subsequent press conference held by Mrs. Pandit, this statement was vehemently denied. It was declared the British Foreign Minister was engaging in typical 'double-talk,' that there was no internal disagreement in India, the only difficulty being that what all East Indians wanted 'complete independence,' Great Britain denied.

THE reports from Simla certainly do not sustain this contention. The new offer from Viceroy Wavell apparently was favorably received by many East Indian delegates but the old feud between the various factions, especially between the Moslem League and the Hindu groups again broke out, and once more any attempt to get together on any definite proposals had to be abandoned.

AS before remarked in this department, it is this aversion to any sort of give and take, any workable compromise, this stubborn insistence upon a whole loaf or none at all, on the part of the East Indian zealots, that makes the entire East Indian problem so baffling and so persistently insoluble.

As Foreign Minister Eden remarked, there can be no hope of Britain solving the Indian problem until some agreement can be reached among the Indians themselves as to what solution they will accept. R.W.R.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 16—The Berlin conference, of Messrs. Truman, Churchill and Stalin at the head of substantial entourage, will be long and thorough.

Those who left here early, including Joseph Davies (who seems to be a sort of new Harry Hopkins to Mr. Truman on Russia) made plans to be away a month. Inner plans call for Mr. Truman's return about Aug. 15.

What will be the subjects for discussion is a matter of common popular speculation, the commonest and most popular running to international diplomatic crises on the front pages. Last week's crisis was Turkey. This week added Tangiers and Berlin food. A few weeks earlier it was Syria, and so on.

FOR many generations Britain has been accustomed to a diplomatic crisis a week, sometimes two in good weeks. Our venture into world leadership has, for the first apparent result, plunged us into the realm of succeeding endless crises in one part of the world or another.

My guess is that the handling of whatever crises are uppermost in the news of the moment may dominate the reports from the conference, but that to be successful, the meeting itself must deal inevitably with what causes all these crises, and eliminate the causes.

THE new president, Mr. Truman, and his new state secretary, Byrnes, are being sent on their way with the private senatorial comment that they are not men 'accustomed to giving things away.' To this observation, one senator has rejoined: 'Yes, but we have nothing to give away.'

This may be somewhat true in a territorial sense, but in a more accurate consideration we have the entire world to give away. We can give away other nations quite freely. The truth is we have leadership to assert.

The cause of these crises is a developing imperialist policy by Russia. Her army occupation of European territory was blocked off from all news, by Moscow, for several weeks after the surrender, until a few days ago. The commonly ascribed reason for our exclusion, as offered authoritatively, but privately, here, is that Russia wished to liquidate all her enemies in those nations before letting us even into Berlin.

ALONG with this development, Russia has pursued a policy of extension of her borders, starting before her invasion by Hitler, by taking half of Poland, then afterward taking it all into her sphere of influence, completely liquidating Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, getting back Carpatho-Ukraine from Czechoslovakia, slicing off a piece of Finland, demanding provinces from neutral Turkey and so on.

Where does this stop? If Russia turns next to Asia, despite any temporary or tentative understandings with T. V. Soong on joining us as an ally, will she demand territory formerly lost to Japan, and go back into history far enough to find grounds for encroaching upon Asia, step by step, crisis by crisis, in coming months or years?

Is the holy Russian empire coming back into the world under new management? With no noticeable expansion in hollows?

Along with this visible extension of actual empire, Russia also is proceeding to extend her hegemony over other states, inheriting friendly presidents, cabinet ministers and otherwise gaining control which is visible only in results—trade preferences, special interests, alliances, etc.

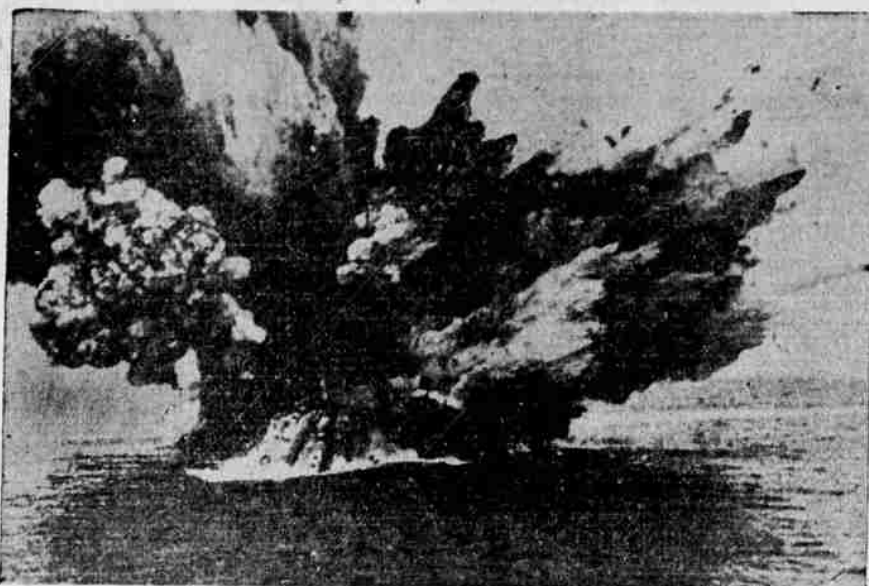
MESSRS. TRUMAN and Byrnes will have to develop and present a new American foreign policy to deal with this basic matter, now the most important underlying question of the world, and assert affirmative American leadership in the world. I do not believe they favor war to stop Russia—or appeasement.

No popular sentiment for war exists in this country, but an in-consequential minority is loudly promoting appeasement. In past diplomacy we have tried both war and appeasement. Neither method is popular as a course now.

If Russia forces us we could be required to adopt pressure politics in self-defense, but this would be popular only if Russia does not stop her present course.

WHAT our people plainly want is above-board dealing and justice for all people (not more

British Battleship Torpedoed in Mediterranean



British battleship Barham goes up in smoke and flames after being torpedoed in Mediterranean in November, 1941, by U-351. Lost with Barham were 850 officers and men.

dictatorship, empires and hegemones) and they want our officials to pursue this without fearful appeasement on the one hand or belligerency on the other.

They want us now, I believe, to assume the leadership responsibility which we profess. I think this will be the Truman-Byrnes course in Berlin.

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.

State Engineer Approves

To the editor: Your editorial in The Medford Mail Tribune regarding the fish problem, in the issue of July 2, 1945, has been noted. You are to be commended upon this article. In my opinion, your suggestions are constructive and sound. Nothing can be gained by the extremists continuing to fight, but if all will join in having surveys and investigations and studies made of the difficulties can be worked out.

It is hoped that local interests and others will read your editorial and join in having the surveys and investigations and studies made by those qualified to do so.

Very truly yours, CHAS. E. STRICKLIN, State Engineer, Salem, Ore.

The Other Side of the Rogue

(With apologies to Dale Vincent) To the editor: Today has been a day for meditation here by the beautiful Rogue. One can't do other than meditate, can one, when it's 190 in the shade?

I was reflecting how much bigger the mosquitoes are this year. Due, no doubt, to the fact that meat rationing hasn't struck them yet. An interesting sight caught my eye; a busy little gopher, bless his heart, was busy pulling my pea vines under ground. Now there is an animal who really stores for winter. The rattlesnakes along here, fat little rascals, merely nip a bite out of your shin and think that is enough to keep them growing. I was so busy pondering this phenomenal fact, I didn't notice the big hawk when he scooped up one of my prize fryers and made off, just as an old doe gathered into her maw the last leaf on my Elberta.

I thought how amazing a bird the hawk is, to unerringly choose the fattest chicken and the amount they consume. And it's absolutely astounding what you can do to—no, with—a dear little deer by raising an orchard for its benefit.

Ah, well! Now do my eyes deceive me, or is that another one of those California fishermen in over his waders again?

ZELLA TULLIS, Trail, Ore.

WEATHER

Northern California—Clear today, tonight and Tuesday but with coastal fog mainly along the coastal and southern portions. Few afternoon and evening thunder showers in central and southern ranges. Little temperature change. Moderate northwest wind off the coast.

Berkeley established the first junior high school in the United States.

ANY BONDS TODAY?

By Bing Crosby

Illustrated by George Lichty



'Your honor, I object! The defendant is obviously trying to sway the jury by exhibiting her U. S. War Bonds.'

HOSPITALS STRIVE TO PREVENT CHILD DOCTOR SHORTAGE

Chicago—(U.P.)—American hospitals are working on a plan to prevent a shortage of child specialists after the war, according to an official of the American Medical Assn.

Dr. Victor Johnson, chairman of the association's council on medical education and hospitals, said the program was nationwide. It was started because American standards of maternal and child care were endangered by a wartime speedup in training of doctors.

American mothers and their children receive the finest care in the world because we have the specialists to apply our advanced knowledge in this field, Dr. Johnson said.

War Cut Training It takes five years of training and experience after internship to produce a specialist in obstetrics, however, and war demands have ended opportunities for this kind of training, he explained.

The usual method through which a doctor obtains such training is by residency in a hospital and 'most medical graduates are now permitted only nine months of hospital work before entering active service and a very small number is permitted a total of 27 months,' Dr. Johnson said. 'This is entirely inadequate to qualify a physician as a specialist.'

Before the council opened its campaign to help provide more residencies in obstetrics, it made some studies, starting in 1942, according to a report by Dr. Johnson and Dr. M. G. Westmoreland, in a recent quarterly bulletin of the American committee on Maternal Welfare.

'The council made preliminary estimates that it would be necessary to supply about 12,000 residencies for two to four years

after the war instead of the normal complement of about 6,000 for that period,' the report said.

700 Residencies Goal

Questionnaires to doctors in service indicated that of the 12,000 to 15,000 who plan to seek hospital residency training in all fields of medicine after the war, between 1,300 and 1,500 will want such training in obstetrics and gynecology.

To meet this need, the council has contacted 1,200 hospitals to date and urged their co-operation in the council program, which will reach 1,500 hospitals eventually. Under the plan, the more advanced hospitals help the smaller ones to establish residencies and training programs in the field. The larger hospitals also are asked to survey their facilities to learn whether they can add more residencies in obstetrics.

The goal of the program is to develop the 700 residencies in this field which must be assured in order to keep and improve the high quality of care for we took for granted before the war, Dr. Johnson said.

Ex-Mental Patient Held in Slayings

Easton, Pa., July 16.—(U.P.)—Ernest Rittenhouse, 30-year-old former mental patient who shot and killed a New Jersey state trooper, was captured today at nearby Martin's Creek by Pennsylvania state policemen.

Rittenhouse fled into the swamps yesterday after he fatally wounded Sgt. C. A. O'Donnell, 40, of the New Jersey State police who had picked him up for questioning in the axe-slaying of his wife.

Australia has been settled for 156 years, the first establishment having been founded as a penal colony in 1788.

Fifty modern vegetable processing plants operate in Maine.

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Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO July 16, 1935 (It was Tuesday)

AAA is held illegal in supreme court opinion. Congress invaded judicial field is claim. New Deal plans new moves.

E. C. Faber store is burglarized for 20th time, at Central Point.

Fair and cooler. High 89, low 44 degrees.

Local petitions circulated protesting liberation of L. A. Banks from state prison.

Private pension plans block social security bill in congress.

Leslie M. Scott drops out of proposed recall of Gov. Martin.

TWENTY YEARS AGO July 16, 1925 (It was Thursday)

President Coolidge optimistic over the prospect for prosperity.

Continued warm. High 103, low 63 degrees.

Dr. W. W. P. Holt and family have returned from Berkeley, where he took a special course at the University of California.

Local Elks who attended the national convention at Portland return home.

Forest fire still burning in Crater Lake Park.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO July 16, 1911 (It was Sunday)

Heat wave continues in valley with temperatures over 100.

Mass meeting to be held to plan pear show in fall.

Triple alliance between Britain, America and Japan predicted.

Damaged Destroyer Stripped, Scuttled

Guam, July 16.—(U.P.)—The destroyer U.S.S. Gamble, irreparably damaged by Japanese bombs during the battle for Iwo Jima, was blown up and sunk outside Apra harbor yesterday.

The 27-year-old veteran of the navy was towed by a tug past many younger warships into the open sea. She bore proudly on two black stacks rising suns, showing she destroyed one plane, one submarine, one destroyer and two merchant ships. The Gamble had been stripped of her fittings.

Court House News

Marriages Joseph J. Brucker and Edyth Marie Conner.

Arlene H. Lee and Sarah Frances Green.

James William Grigsby, Jr., and Juanita Gunter.

Rolen William Rosecrans and Edro June Davis.

Herbert A. Cox and Thais Webster.

Divorce Decrees Howard B. Dow vs. Ella Dow.

Divorce Complaints Mary Catherine Patterson vs. Vernon Earl Patterson.

THE GRANGE

Griffin Creek Grange will meet for regular business session Tuesday at 8:30 p. m., when juvenile grangers from Roxy Ann will be entertained. Lecturer Isabel LeVander has planned a recreational program, and grange officials urge all members to attend.

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