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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Official pessimists frequently predict the war against Japan will last another year to two or three, because it is a different war, than the one waged against Germany. To the casual non-combatant, however, it bears a strong resemblance, in all vital details. Same death, same horror, same hell, same suffering, same atrocities, same everything. Nothing is different but the complexity of the foe, and the geography of the battlefields. The folding up and finish will be the same. The Japs will cringe, and claim to be Chinamen, as the Nazis cringed, and posed as Poles.

The somewhat cooler weather of nights caused many of the Older Girls to sing like a lark, but no better.

WHY BRING THAT UP? (St. Joseph Mo.) News
"We looked and looked and we didn't see in the Army's list of point qualifications toward demobilization, any reference to the boys who took part in the two Montgomery Ward campaigns."

The first news photos of German frauleins, the army forbid GI's to meet, under penalty of a \$65 fine have appeared, showing the Nazi maiden in a bathing suit. The pictures testify the womenfolk at home of GI's have nothing to worry about.

"Elmer T. . . . of Fargo Boulevard, who has been in the Army for 32 minutes, came home for good last Tuesday." —(Geneva Ill.) Republican—
Veteran notes how things have changed.

Mild agitation ament 'redistribution of the wealth' of the land in the post-war period prevails. One of the great troubles of the scheme has been the willingness of the masses, to whack up everybody's wealth but their own. Re-distribution of poverty has more appeal. There is too much of it, and more people have it.

PHENOMENA NOTED (Salem Statesman)
. . . have you noticed all the California cars and an occasional one from Illinois or New York that are driving around on "A" stickers. This would indicate of course, the large amount of extra mileage possible on the one-gallon-per-week increase given lately to "A" users." —(Maxine Buren Writings).

Considerable international excitement was caused yesterday by the failure of Premier Stalin of Russia, to appear per schedule at the 'Big Three' conference in Berlin. It was an unmanly trick, and was denounced by local diplomats, who have not been on time themselves, since Pearl Harbor.

Fears are felt one of the white Robins hereabouts has met an untimely fate. Chief of Police Clegh Bluejay is looking for a rough-looking black cat seen following the attractive blonde, before her disappearance.

"H. E. the British ambassador and Lady Killearn last night gave their seventh and last cocktail party in celebration of V-E day" —(Cairo Egypt Mail) —
Sobering news.

Fall fashion hints report the neck-line of the fair sex will be higher, and the shoulders of men broader, and, there are signs, they will need them.

Nearly 150 water wells were drilled in Owens Valley for the Los Angeles aqueduct.

Not A Peace Conference

This meeting in Potsdam today is not a PEACE conference. It is merely another Big Three WAR conference.

The fate of Europe, and the readjustment of the globe geographically, will have to wait for a meeting not of the Big Three, but of the Big Five, and also the other nations who entered the war against Germany.

So all this talk about settling the problems of the Levant, Greece, Turkey, the Suez canal, the Panama canal and what have you,—adds up to a lot of apple sauce, as far as the present gathering is concerned.

WE are surprised so many special correspondents, should have gone overboard in this direction.

One reason no doubt is that the present Big Three meeting in Berlin is shrouded more completely in secrecy than any held since the war started.

The fact the meeting is in an enemy country so recently conquered may have something to do with it.

Whatever the cause, there is the fact. And there is good reason for clamping down the publicity lid.

FOR the war isn't over. And one of the main discussions, no doubt, will concern the entrance of Soviet Russia into the war against Japan.

Those who assume this is going to be smooth sailing, and that ALL the allies of Russia wish Stalin to take this action, know very little about the complexities, potentialities and actualities of this particular problem.

As was revealed at the San Francisco conference there is not only considerable but extremely STRONG opposition among certain members of the United Nations to any Russian participation in the war in the Far East.

To have this fact revealed in the publicity from Potsdam could only do the allied cause harm,—and at this stage of the war with Japan might have regrettable results.

SO all this hush-hush regarding the Big Three gathering, while it irks some of the newspaper boys, is entirely justified.

Giving the world all the facts might well result in giving aid and comfort to the enemy,—the enemy, of course, being Japan.—R.W.R.

Will Stalin Fight Japan?

Strongest opposition to Soviet Russia's entrance into the war against Japan probably comes from the Chungking government in China.

For such action would give the Communist Chinese government what it now lacks,—prestige and power. In fact such a development would in all likelihood result in the fall of the Chungking regime, for it would be placed between two fires, a union of Russia and the Chinese Communists on one side, the Japanese armies on the other.

UNDOUBTEDLY the recent visit of Premier Soong and members of Chiang Kai Shek government to Moscow was chiefly for the purpose of trying in some way to avoid such a disaster.

The sudden departure of the Chinese, after only a few days parley does not indicate the mission was successful.

WHY doesn't the Chungking government make peace with the Chinese Communists, join with them and then welcome the assistance of Russia in the final crushing of Japan.

The answer to that is the Chungking government has tried repeatedly to make allies of the Chinese Communists but they have repeatedly refused to do so.

And they have refused because—in plain English,—they take their orders from Moscow and not from Chungking.

SO there is the fly in the ointment as far as the present government of China and a Russian declaration of war against Japan are concerned.

But China is not represented at this meeting of the Big Three in Potsdam. So if Comrade Stalin has really decided the time has come for Russia to enter the war in the Far East, it is difficult to see how any action at Potsdam can prevent it.—R.W.R.

How About It?

It would be interesting if those who favor preparing for the next world war before this one is finished, would suggest what nation or nations, they intend to fight.

They must have some possibility in mind or the greatest program of militarism this country has ever known, would not be advocated.

Can't be Germany or Japan,—they won't be able to make war for 25 years at least,—some experts maintain it will be a century.

Can't be England. Or France. Or China.

What nation can it be then, that would justify universal military training in times of peace, which through all the centuries the English speaking peoples of the world, have repeatedly spurned?

It can't be that the advocates of such a program have no enemy, actual or potential in mind.

If they would name the probable enemy, it might clear up the atmosphere somewhat, and might even demonstrate that the fear which is the exciting cause of this wave of unprecedented militarism has no basis in fact.—R.W.R.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 17—No secret meetings with the military were held by the Woodrum house committee which urged what it called "a broad policy of universal military training."

No special information concerning difficulties ahead of this nation was privately passed to the committee by the war department which has been promoting the youth draft. Specifically, no inside scare over Russia inspired the committee.

Consequently, considerable perplexity has developed as to how and why it went contrary to the weight of evidence in its own hearings.

It seemed to vote 16 to 0 in favor of a program which none of its hearing witnesses indorsed except the army, navy, state department and the United States Chamber of Commerce, against the popular opposition of national educational groups, both major national labor organizations, two of the three national farm organizations, as well as the usual peace societies, and women's groups.

To make the mystery more possible, one member of the committee says he has received only two letters from his district in favor of the youth draft, while he has a bushel of mail against it.

When congressmen go 16 to 0 (the remaining six members abstained or wanted to delay action but did not vote against the report directly) in favor of something opposed by their constituents and the most powerful lobbies in Washington—labor, farmer, education, women—a miracle is wrought.

This one seems to come within the realm of magic—political magic. It should have been entitled "How to be a politician in one easy lesson." Caught between the army and the lobbies, the committee favored both opposite courses—in moderation, of course.

Committee Chairman Woodrum tossed all the hot potato evidence he had amassed, into the air, then caught and came forward with some conglomerate which steamed in the headlines.

Actually it is cold potato salad. His pride in it did not leap even to ordinary bounds as he did not even have it printed in the Congressional Record, which prints all congressional thoughts for the asking.

UPON close inspection you will find the report did not indorse the war department program but was worded to sound as if it did, by approving "the principle" and "the broad policy" yet undefined.

Among members of the Woodrum committee is Representative James W. Wadsworth of New York, who is supposed to have seen the wording. He wants to draft all youth of 18 or thereabouts for a year in the army.

Talking around with the committeemen, you will find many favor a democratic substitute such as advocated by the veterans of foreign wars for training boys in schools, without interrupting their education, expanding the national guard and reserves systems, and summer camps. The report did not oppose this, excepting it seemed to want the youths drafted for it.

THE veterans of foreign wars program, following the lines outlined in this column since last September, now rates the best chance of adoption by congress in the end — without a draft—but only after more magic semantics. Next will come a report from the house military affairs committee and this may recommend drafting, as the military totalitarians are in the majority there also.

But on the floor of the senate and house today, a majority for a youth draft would be hard to find. Compulsion for home and school training without a national draft is the obvious compromise.

The army has never come forward with a specific outline of what it intended to do with the young men if it gets control of them for a year (no one mentions the young women any more and I assume they have been dropped from the army training program).

But retired officers are going around the country whipping up sentiment in American Legion posts advocating something like this:

Nine weeks' basic training (bunk-making, setting-up exercises, etc.); nine weeks of specialist training in various of the 4000 specialist categories in the army; 13 weeks of small units training, working in squads, companies and battalions; 13 weeks of combat training and

Invasion Craft Hits the Beach on Theya Jima



American forces invasion craft reach the beach on Theya Jima to establish beachhead on that strategic island, about 15 miles from Okinawa, hotly contested battleground recently taken by Yanks. Smoke rises from burning enemy emplacement hit by a shell near small village where craft are landing.

the final eight weeks in maneuvers. There would be no refresher courses.

Even so, the program still calls for a regular army and navy and a national guard considerably larger than prewar.

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.

Carma Answers Margie

To the editor,—Answering Margie: What Carma is short of, including good sense and red points, doesn't matter one picayune to the general public. It is always bad business to make a personal issue of a common problem. In her zeal to disagree, Margie has only succeeded in corroborating my statement, that the boys over there are hungry for goodies not available and are flabbergasted to find there is a shortage of the same at home. Really now, are the boys fighting to form a more decent world for home and the future, only to learn we have stymied their efforts?

We are as snarled up as a frog in a ball of yarn, in the tangle of supply and distribution, this point-changing, price-fixing and price-changing. We have built a huge clock—a good clock in theory—with a case of alphabetical offices. But the wheels have run in conflict—have kicked backwards—until the clock doesn't tick any more. A bona fide shortage of the products mentioned is accepted without a murmur by any American, but a shortage created by mistaken timing and judgment and the diverting of such products to ulterior purposes, propagates a discontent and questions as to whether we are progressing or sticking our heads in the sand.

To be forewarned is to be forearmed, they say. Some real shortages have been formed in this manner. For instance, Bowles announces a shortage of fuel oil for next winter. Immediately, we break a leg tanking and over-tanking. Someone only has to cry "wolf" and the wolf pack breaks into cry. Yes, America is the best fed nation and we can and probably will feed the multitude with our loaves and fishes, but not if they are to be hoarded in storage and let rot. Not if they are aborted from the natural channels and shunted into the sloughs.

Life magazine for July 9 displays photographs and an article on meat and the beef situation. Such widespread publicity is at least one step to remedial measures. At last our food plan has a stabilizer in the person of Clinton Anderson. He has made a good beginning but the future benefits remain to be seen.

CARMA McCARTY, Trail, Ore.

Humming Birds of Cetera

To the editor,—July means thinking of vacationing in the higher mountains. Young nature lovers there may add a new bird to their lists of acquaintance. One of our smallest, it is the callope hummingbird. Upon awakening from the sound sleep that can only come in a sleeping bag in the high Sierras, one sometimes sees a hummingbird flashing a bit of jewel color. Often it feeds on the brilliant red Indian paintbrushes. Few recall that the covered wagon youngsters, who christened these gorgeous wild flowers, had seen with their own eyes the horribly painted Sioux, who later were to massacre General Custer's battalion.

The eastern United States has only one species, the ruby-throated hummingbird. California, however, has six. One result of studying California hummingbirds will be to cause one, when one grows older, want to go south till one is where there are hundreds of kinds of hummers. "Kiss-flowers," the Peru-

vian Indians call them. The real hummingbird land stretches from Guatemala to Brazil. It is a land of parrot flocks—common as blackbirds there,—of screaming monkeys, of tiger-like jaguars, of anacondas used, when small, as mousers lieue house cats. Yes, if one studies California's six hummingbirds, one will later have the urge to tread jungle trails.

C. M. GOETHE, Capital and J. Streets, Sacramento, Calif.

Veteran Agrees With Carma

To the editor,—I would like to ask Margie Stevenson to make public her recipe for getting chickens to produce milk, butter, cheese and sugar which she ridiculed Mrs. Carma McCarty for her inability to do so.

It is most terrible to destructively criticize Carma for her communication on the sugar shortage unless Margie does have a suitable plan to get chickens to produce the above mentioned rationed commodities.

I am in the lumber business and I too, would like to know how I can get these articles of food.

As a veteran with nearly two years overseas service, I have to agree with Mrs. McCarty as to the food going to the service. If the boys were getting this food which is supposed to be short, we home folks would say nothing.

R. B. TRAIN, Shady Cove, Ore.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., July 17 — (UP) — Livestock: Cattle 350; calves 50. Very slow; early sales steady with Monday's 25-30c lower close. Common-medium grass steers 12.00-15.00; best grassers Monday 16.50; cutter and medium heifers 9.00-12.25; best heifers held around 13.50; canner-cutter cows 6.50-8.00; fat dairy type cows 9.00; beef cows up to 12.00; bulls very slow; vealers unevenly lower than early Monday; good-choice grades 14.00-15.00.

Hogs 100. Active, steady. Barrows and gilts 15.75; sows 15.00; feeder pigs salable 20.50 down.

Sheep 1200. Steady but rather slow on fat lambs. Good-choice lambs mostly 13.25-13.75; choice grades up to 14.25; common lambs on feeder account largely 9.00; good ewes 6.00-6.25.

Chicago, July 17 — (UP)—(WFA)—Livestock: Hogs 5500; active, fully steady. Good and choice barrows and gilts 14.00 up to 14.75; culling; good and choice sows at 14. Cattle: 5500; calves 700; fed steers and yearlings steady to 25 cents higher; top 18, the ceiling, paid for four grades with weight. Bulk 13.50-17.75; slow on grassers at 13-14.50; heifers firm, best 17.75.

Sheep: 500; steady to a shade higher. Good and choice native spring lambs 16.25-18.40; bucks discounted 1.00; medium and good lambs 13-16; few common sort-out 12.50.

Portland Produce

Portland, July 17 — (UP) — Cattle: 1 Local, \$3 per crate. Corn—Oregon Barnum, \$4.50 sack. Peaches—California Jubilee, \$2.35 lug.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, July 17 (UP) — Wheat: July 165 163 1/2 164 1/2 164 1/2; Sept 162 1/2 163 1/2 162 1/2 162 1/2; Dec 162 1/2 163 1/2 162 1/2 162 1/2.

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, July 17—(UP) Dairy prices: Butter: 93 score 43 1/2, 92 score 43, 90 score 42 1/2. Cheese: Loafs 28.2, triplets 27.2. Eggs: Large grade A 45 1/2, medium grade A 40 1/2, small grade A 36 1/2, large grade B 41 1/2.

Wall Street

New York, July 17 — (UP) — War Stocks — Steels, Railroad Issues, Aircrafts, and Chemicals — led the Stock Market down today in one of the widest breaks this year.

Talk of an early end of the war stimulated selling. It became more severe when tickers carried a United Press Washington dispatch that officials had nearly completed an outline of the terms to be handed Japan once the Japanese decide on unconditional surrender.

yielded more than a point. Douglas Aircraft lost nearly three points in its section.

Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages: Industrial 162.43, off 3.39; Railroad 57.63, off 2.08; Utility 32.68, off 0.53; 65 stocks 62.31, off 1.53.

Saler totaled 1,560,000 shares compared with 790,000 yesterday.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks: American Tel. & Tel. 179; Anaconda 33; Chrysler 106 1/4; Curtiss Wright 6 1/2; General Electric 42 1/2; General Motors 66 1/2; Montgomery Ward 60 1/4; Penn. R. R. 38; Phillips Petroleum 49 1/2; J. C. Penney 117 1/2; Radio 12 1/2; Southern Pacific 49; Standard Oil of Calif. 41; Texas Gulf Sulphur 43; Transamerica 13 1/4; United Aircrafts 29 1/4; U. S. Rubber 54 1/4; U. S. Steel 67 1/2.

OBITUARY

JOHN S. WOLFE John Sherman Wolfe, 322 Benson street, who passed away last Friday from cyanide poisoning, was born in Lisman, Ky., on May 29, 1895. In 1909 he became a member of the Christian church. Two years later he came to Medford with his parents, residing here until his death.

He enlisted in the army during World War I at Eureka, Calif., and was inducted on May 10, 1917, at Ft. McDowell, Calif. On Aug. 23, 1917, he was sent to Europe, serving in England and France with the 110th and the 171st Aero Sqdn. He left Europe for the United States on June 27, 1919.

During his service in Europe he sustained a head injury from which he never fully recovered. He received his discharge July 17, 1919.

On July 2, 1925, he was united in marriage to Hazel Doren, who survives. He worked for the Morton Milling company for two years before being forced to retire June 5 because of ill health resulting from the overseas injury. He had been under constant medical care.

Surviving, besides his wife, Hazel, are five children: Irene, John, Jr., Helen, Donald and Arnold; two sisters, Mrs. R. J. Bills, Medford; Mrs. F. E. Welborn, Alameda, Calif., and three brothers, Karl M., Monette, Ark., Roy H., Grants Pass, and Robert B., Medford.

Services will be held in the Conger-Morris chapel at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday with the Rev. Louis C. Kirby officiating. Pallbearers will be William Keezer, Hugo Ford, Bert Quigley, Clyde Walters, Bert James and Gus Wetters. Interment will be in the family plot in the IOOF cemetery with a firing squad and bugler from Camp White.

GEORGE A. TALBOT

George Alfred Talbot, a resident of Medford for the last year, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Simonds, early Tuesday morning following a heart attack. Mr. Talbot was born in Andover, Me., on April 9, 1854.

He was married to Ida Graham at Chapman, Kan., in 1879. His wife preceded him in death, and later he married Estella Cook who also preceded Mr. Talbot in death, a year ago.

Mr. Talbot leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, Mrs. Mary Simonds of Medford, two sons, William A. Talbot of Portland, Ore., and Ralph Talbot of Tulsa, Okla., also three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be held at the Peri Funeral Home Thursday at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. Harry Hansen of the Presbyterian church will officiate. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

Francisco Lana, a Jesuit priest and mathematician, designed a "flying boat" and published its description in 1670.

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 17, 1935 (It was Wednesday)

Mrs. Waley, wife of one of the kidnapers of George Weyerhaeuser, sentenced to 20 years for her part in crime.

Portland tavern keepers ask for bigger beer mug.

Added PWA funds given city for sewage disposal plant.

Fair and continued warm. High 98, low 58 degrees.

Upper Applegate dam project talked at Grange meeting.

County Health Officer C. I. Drummond leaves to take post graduate course at Harvard.

TWENTY YEARS AGO July 17, 1925 (It was Friday)

Lightning starts 10 forest fires in Bend district.

Fair and warm. High 105, low 59 degrees.

Special train of Alabama school teachers on tour of north-west passes through city.

Gnats disappear at Diamond Lake and fishing improves. Fish were eating gnats instead of bait.

Cutworms invade Eden Valley farms.

THIRTY-FOUR YEAR AGO July 17, 1911 (It was Monday)

County court promises to call special election for good road bonds.

A cool breeze is blowing, and it is hoped the backbone of the hot spell in the valley is broken. The mercury went to 109.5 yesterday, for the hottest day of the year.

Power plant at Prospect to start operations next October.

Court House News

Divorce Decrees Howard B. Dow vs. Ella Dow.

Divorce Complaints Otis O. Chambers vs. Edna Chambers.

Probate Court Estate of Lillian H. Greer, deceased; George M. Green, executor.

A tile-in-laid bench on the slopes of Russian Hill commemorates one of San Francisco's most respected modern poets, George Sterling.

Typical WAC



(Acme Telephoto) Pvt. Cyndia Boswell, Goldsboro, N. C., chosen as "Typical WAC" by enlisted military personnel at Fairfield-Sutton (Calif.) Army Base of the Air Transport Command's West Coast Wing.

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