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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

A portion of the upstate press is headily scolding the British voters for ousting W. Churchill as premier. This excels the cluttering up of white paper with words, by the Josepine county weekly, that for years demanded the reputation of Rep. Ham Fish, (R., N. Y.)

Managers of the two valley phone lines met face-to-face Saturday to talk business, and parted with a pledge to call each other up.

The Klamath Navy nine defeated the Craters 21 to 3 Saturday evening. They must have thought they were playing the University of Japan.

'FEET AT FOOT OF G.I. TROUBLE.'—(Headline Oregonian)—Sounds plausible.

The fair sex continue to run around with exposed midriffs, and offering proof they are not spineless.

"Honesty is the best policy." Finland, the land that always pays its debts, is broke, hungry, crippled, houseless, and cold, but still honest.

LOI THE POOR INDIAN! (The Dalles Chronicle)
The Shoshones about Elko are turning their attention from scalps to poker, and are being handsomely cleaned out by their high-toned brethren, the Plutes, who will gamble all the clothes off them.—(75 Yrs. Ago Col.)

Some of the week-end driving was diabolical and enough to make a California tourist in a hurry, flinch.

It now appears Dictator Franco of Spain, is trying to be the leading European pain-in-the-neck, by his defiance of the Potsdam terms. He is taking the proper steps to have it snapped and popped by Chiropractor Josef Stalin of Russia, an expert at adjusting bumptious and moth-eaten nations. Franco is the type, who would hide Herr Hitler, either in his own domain, or Argentina.

The food supply of the nation has improved "remarkably" the past month. This is explained as due to a more equitable distribution. A primary election next spring, and the voters being allergic to having their diet regulated by Washington, D. C., bureaucrats whose knowledge of food consisted only of knowing how to operate a knife and fork, also helped improve the situation.

From all over the state, a lack of rooms for school teachers is reported. Unlike their pupils, in the back-seat of an ancient go-cart, 17 of them can't be packed in a room built for one.

Great Britain is now headed for a New Deal, with a touch of socialism. The fur will fly, when the college professors, with their senior classes, start "re-making the Empire." It will also be an inspiring sight to see the English, spending themselves rich, and eating themselves out of debt. The leaders already indicate they will resist common-sense in government, to the last ditch.

LIAR'S CONTEST ENTRY
"Just like a man, we blame the girls for contributing to the shortage of men's shirts. They've begun to wear 'em, but one thing about it given a pair of dad's overall and one of his shirts the young daughter is just as glamorous as when clothed in the conventional garb."—Lakeview Examiner

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Hiram Johnson

The world left Hiram Johnson before Hiram Johnson left the world, which for a man in public life is a very tragic thing. As a result his last years were very sad, and not very useful ones.

Too bad! Senator Johnson had been a great man, a wonderful fearless and progressive leader, and had he possessed more wisdom than vanity,—instead of the other way around,—he would have retired from the Senate and from public life a decade or more ago.

BUT he couldn't bear to give up. Nor could he bear to forget his pique and pride, when former Chief Justice Hughes failed to call on him in California, when the latter ran for the presidency against Woodrow Wilson.

That action defeated Hughes and kept Hiram Johnson from a very high place in the government,—perhaps eventually the White House.

BUT even more obviously disastrous to Senator Johnson's career and his one never-ending personal ambition, was his refusal to play second-fiddle to his senate contemporary, Warren Harding, and take the Vice Presidential place on the winning Republican ticket in 1920, when it was offered him.

Had he done so, Hiram Johnson of California, instead of Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts would have been the 30th president of the United States!

BUT, all that is water over the dam now and might better be forgotten. Moreover, we believe the death of the senior Senator from California will once more demonstrate the falsity of that statement attributed to Brutus:

"The evil that men do lives after them, The good is oft' interred with their bones."

It will be the GOOD, not the evil, we feel sure, that will live after Hiram Johnson!—R.W.R.

Just a Get-Together?

Perhaps one explanation of the Potsdam "washout" was the radical change in the higher-up personnel. Death had removed President Roosevelt, the presiding head of the triumvirate. Mr. Churchill was not eliminated until after the conference had assembled, but his tenure was so uncertain that, there was a disposition, no doubt, to await the result of the British election before taking on new or controversial matters.

As a result of the British election Generalissimo Stalin became the only original member of the Big Three remaining. He had never met President Truman; President Truman had never met him; and neither of them knew Premier Attlee.

So it is not unlikely the gathering was in a large measure, a get-together, a get-acquainted meeting; dealing chiefly with matters that had actually been decided by the original trio, rather than exploring new and uncharted seas.

THERE is another noticeable feature of the conference to sustain this assumption. An examination of the text reveals a surprising absence of all issues where the interests of Big Three, and particularly Great Britain and Russia might conflict.

Nothing, for example, is said about Turkey and control of Constantinople; nothing about Iran and the Near East; nothing about Greece, and little regarding the Balkans; nothing about the Rhine and Ruhr.

Yet, all these issues must be decided before final peace terms can be drawn up.

SO, there is reason to believe the disappointing feeble character of the official Potsdam report, was due more to the startling and unexpected transformation in executive control, than to any other factor.—R.W.R.

Breakers Ahead

A very interesting thing to watch in subsequent Big Three meetings will be Premier Attlee's attitude toward the historic and challenging declaration of his predecessor:

"I did not become the King's first minister to preside over the dissolution of the British empire."

How about Mr. Attlee and the British Labor party? Did they take office to perform any such sad and tragic task? The time will soon come when a decision must be made.

FOR if the British Empire is to be preserved intact, sooner or later the critical time will come when Soviet Russia will have to be opposed. There is, as we see it, no other way.

No doubt the Attlee government is and will continue to be far more sympathetic to and cooperative with Soviet Russia, than the Churchill government ever was.

But, there is a limit to this good neighbor and appeasement business if the security of the British empire and its prestige are to be maintained.

AND that limit will be reached when the final fate of India-Constantinople and the eastern Mediterranean, the Near East, Burma; yes, and even British interests in China, come up for decision.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 6.—The off-stage cue music for the Potsdam conference was far less melodious and more subtle than Mr. Truman offered at the piano. Our score was written with the dollar sign over the clef.



Paul Mallon

Truman arrived at the meeting, the senate here was hastily put to fiddling up \$5,925,000,000 which is our part in the Bretton Woods bank and currency program of \$15,000,000,000 to guarantee international loans and peg wavering monies.

\$4,375,000,000 for lend-lease for the current fiscal year (Russia said she would like to have \$700,000,000 to start, and Britain has indicated unofficially she will need \$3,000,000,000 from some place to get settled financially.)

\$3,500,000,000 for the export-import bank, of which \$2,800,000,000 is an increase to finance foreign purchases.

\$1,000,000,000 for army relief abroad (estimated need).

\$900,000,000 as a total for relief and rehabilitation of UNRRA, of which \$700,000,000 has been put up in cash already to meet a total authorization of \$1,350,000,000 (senate will grant no more to this outfit than the \$900,000,000, as the army is already taking over the major relief tasks and the Red Cross will get new ventures instead of UNRRA's dwindling organization).

TOTAL, which no one seems to have added before, is \$15,700,000,000 for the greatest foreign "spend-lead" program ever conceived in the mind of man. After the last war, we poured out a billion a year in foreign loans. That was a drip from the private bucket, practically none of which was restored. This program will faucet at least 15 times as much into Europe from the public purse.

It was Mr. Roosevelt's finance agents who figured it would be an improvement this time to take the money from the treasury, although any losses will fall on the average struggling or poor and rich taxpayers, whereas before it fell upon those citizens with enough spare money to buy foreign bonds as an investment. Mr. Roosevelt's agents also were responsible for the decision to handle the foreign spend-lead program separately from the political negotiations for peace, and not even to add them up into one program or use them publicly to get our way in international affairs.

Judging from the timing of the rush imposed upon the congressional appropriators, my guess is Mr. Truman will be less inclined to keep the money accounts separate from the political accounts, as money is about the only persuasive power we seem able to wield in Europe. Our checkbook is the only card we hold. There may be other changes.

INDEED, the United States may have to reconsider its financial arrangements with Britain. (One senator tells me congress would never have passed Bretton Woods, had it known it would be faced with money socialization in Britain of an unknown quantity.) Attlee has indicated he intends to pay for the coal mines in bonds, for instance, which will certainly add to Britain's financial predicament, already deficient, and the United States hardly intends to be placed in the position of furnishing the labor government the money to finance such undertakings. We would not do it for ourselves.

A less emotional and more accountable policy toward money-to-Britain, therefore, must surely follow as a matter of course. With the excellent prospects of a communist victory in the promised fall French elections, changes in governments of Greece and Spain urged by Britain and Russia, etc., the matter of using our money sensibly to protect our ideals, if not the money, becomes visible, to say the least.

This American money cue for Potsdam was heightened up harmoniously when Mr. Truman unexpectedly called in Adm. Land, who has charge of our ships (and we have many times more ships than anyone in the world), and when Mr. Truman announced: "America seeks no territorial expansion," but as far as the reports showed, Russia said nothing and Britain said nothing.

The Russian music was a little less clear in tone, and at times reminiscent of the Horst-wessel. Pravda, which functions on strings, claimed the Jews had attacked Russian citizens in Palestine, which was denied by Palestine. A few days later the

Wedding Halted



(Acme Radio-Telephoto) WAC Sgt. Kanella Koulouvaris, Brooklyn, N. Y., who entered confused state of matrimony with Capt. George Schultz in Berlin civil service. Plans for church wedding were halted as Schultz' wife, Mrs. Ruth Schultz, Chicago, and mother of his two children, claims the groom Schultz claimed he believed his first wife killed in accident.

Swiss denied they had abused Russian citizens as charged from Moscow.

Then there was some charge in Pravda about Sweden not treating the Russians right. No one here seemed to know what this cue music meant. The only thing familiar about it was that every time Hitler wanted to seize a country he always claimed his people there were being abused. No one thought Russia was using this established technique for the same purpose, but they did not know what purpose.

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.

Did Poles Read Gaily? To the editor,—In Mail Tribune, Aug. 5, 1945, Babson writes: Quote, "Cooperation and coalition rest solidly only upon mutual acquaintance. Only understanding of the other fellow helps you to understand yourself."

You, Mr. Editor, attended the San Francisco conference, you saw dandruff on Molotov's coat collar, that was close-up inspection, and, no doubt you heard the talk about Russia's astounding and infamous action in arresting 16 Polish envoys, also heard the "pompous questions" put to Russia's representatives relative to the arrest of the Polish envoys, and it is now reported that these envoys, according to the press, were given a trial to which Russia invited representatives and Allied envoys; and, pressmen were expressly invited to attend.

At the trial 15 of the 16 defendants pleaded guilty. Is this press report true? If so, what sentence was given the guilty? Should you care to answer? W. W. TRUAX.

(Ed. note: This is news of greatest importance if true, but we have no confirmation of same).

MORE RAIN DUE IN ROGUE AREA

Rain which fell over portions of the valley early today, did no particular harm or good, except to clear the air of smoke from the Tillamook county forest fire and delay small stream fall in some sections. Watermaster Clinton Smith reported. Assistant County Agent Clifford B. Cordy said he had received no word of any hail falling. The rain was the first since June 5.

Scattered showers are predicted for tonight and Tuesday with cooler temperature.

MEDFORD MARINES ON LIST OF NAVY WOUNDED

Listed on the war department casualty report as navy wounded are Pfc. Thomas Chester Deivert, marine corps, son of Mrs. Susie Deivert, 305 S. Oakdale avenue, and Pvt. Alva John Holmes, marine corps, son of Mrs. Elizabeth T. Holmes, 210 Elm street.

Court House News

Divorce Complaints: Jeanette Spracklen vs. George Spracklen. Samuel C. Miller vs. Lucille B. Miller. Divorce Decrees: Vivian Leighton vs. Russell E. Leighton.

The War Production Board has called for production of farm machinery in the coming year 30 per cent above the levels scheduled for the year beginning Aug. 1, 1944.

Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

CPL. ROMINGER PROUD OF PART PLAYED IN WAR

Fifth Air Force, Philippines—Cpl. Raleigh W. Rominger, of Medford, had good reason to be proud recently. The big bomber named Toddy, that he assisted in crew for many months now recently flew her 100th combat mission, a figure to be boasted of in this area. Circling in for landing after a raid on the China coast where Jap installations took a pasting, Toddy was in tip-top shape after her century run.

Cpl. Rominger entered the service in March 1942. He attended airplane mechanics school at Sheppard Field, Texas, and then went to Douglas Aircraft at Long Beach, Calif., for specialists training in B-24 bomber maintenance. He was assigned to the 380th Bomb Group Flying Circus in the fall of the same year, which unit he has been a member of since that time.

Having now been overseas 26 months, Cpl. Rominger wears four stars on his Asiatic-Pacific theatre of war ribbon, for unit participation in the campaigns of New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, and two Philippine invasions. For active service in the Philippines, there is also a Philippine liberation ribbon.

Cpl. Alfred Mercer With U. S. Supply Forces in Germany—For meritorious service with the 170th ordnance bomb disposal squad, Cpl. Alfred R. Mercer, husband of Mrs. Lavon E. Mercer, 221 North Riverside avenue, Medford, has been awarded the bronze star medal, at Continental Advance Section headquarters in Germany.

The citation for the award recited that Cpl. Mercer's knowledge of enemy ammunition, his courageous action and his skill facilitated the disposal of enemy bombs that threatened allied installations.

Capt. Clare Turner New Orleans, La.—Captain Clare V. Turner, whose wife, Mrs. C. V. Turner, lives in Shady Cove, has been graduated from the officers department of the Transportation Corps school, New Orleans army air base. He specialized in the transport commanders course.

Lt. Harry Thurman Scott Field, Ill., Second Lt. Harry L. Thurman, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Thurman, 722 W. 14th street, Medford, is now stationed at this AAF training command radio school. He is an instructor in the officers' communication training school.

The lieutenant's wife, Mrs. Evelyn L. Thurman, resides at 507 E. C street, Belleville, Ill.

Sgt. Glenn Hanscom The 131st General Hospital, Blandford Camp, Dorset, England—After treating 7,109 soldier-patients with only three deaths, this huge United States army general hospital has completed its mission in England.

Among those who helped operate the hospital was Sgt. Glenn A. Hanscom of Route 3, Medford, a cook in the hospital's mess department.

Sgt. Hanscom is the son of Mrs. Paul Morten of Route 3, Medford, and Mr. A. R. Hanscom of Route 2, Medford. He entered the army in January, 1943.

Sgt. Albert Busby With the 96th Division on Okinawa —First Sgt. Albert Busby, husband of Mrs. Betty L. Busby, 345 N. Bartlett street, Medford, has been awarded the bronze star for gallantry in action on Okinawa.

In making the award, Major-General J. L. Bradley, commanding the 96th division, cited Sgt. Busby for disregarding his own personal safety and leading a group of litter squads in making three trips to evacuate casualties over a mile long stretch of terrain under persistent Jap artillery and mortar fire.

Sgt. Busby is the first sergeant of a medical company in the division medical battalion and was a veteran of the Leyte campaign.

James H. Doe Somewhere in the Pacific—James H. Doe, fireman, first class, of 146 South Holly, Medford, has been advanced to his present rating aboard a new 45,000-ton battleship which has been participating in recent carrier task force strikes against the Japanese homeland.

Sgt. Jessie Windes With the Fifth Army, Italy—Sgt. Jessie F. Windes, of Central Point, Ore., recently was awarded the bronze star medal for meritorious services in support of combat operations in Italy.

A member of the women's army corps, assigned to the commanding general and chief of staff sections, headquarters Fifth army, she distinguished herself by her steadfast devotion to the many tasks given her as stenographer and typist, stated the citation.

Working long hours, she never failed to complete her assignments with accuracy, neatness and speed. The meticulous care and attention to detail which characterize her work have been a credit to the sections.

Lt. Jack Keaveny Fort Worth, Tex.—First Lt. Jack F. Keaveny, 22, Medford, has been assigned to duty at Fort Worth army air field where he is serving as an aircraft maintenance officer.

Originally commissioned in June, 1943, Lt. Keaveny, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Keaveny, Medford, was a student before entering the service.

A combat pilot with the 15th air force in Italy, Lt. Keaveny holds the air medal with five oak leaf clusters, the European theater ribbon with three battle stars and the unit citation.

Pvt. Robert Shelby Pvt. Robert N. Shelby, son of J. C. Shelby, Jacksonville Star Rt. No. 49, Medford, has arrived at Scott Field, Ill., parent radio school of the AAF training command where he will be assigned to duty as one of the student personnel.

James A. Longacre Awaiting Army Call Again Before Court

James A. Longacre, 19, whose sentence Thursday on a guilty plea to burglary not in a dwelling was suspended pending his induction into the army, again appeared before Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna at Grants Pass, last Friday, charged with the taking of two tires belonging to the Drolette service station there. The court expressed surprise at seeing Longacre in court so soon after parole.

Longacre agreed to furnish \$1,500 bond and action on his trouble was postponed. The court was advised by witnesses "the boy was not such a bad sort." He still awaits a call to the armed forces for which he has passed final physical examination.

Longacre, according to the authorities has never been in trouble before.

ADMIRAL ITO KILLED San Francisco, Aug. 6.—(U.P.)—The Japanese navy ministry disclosed today that Vice Admiral Seichi Ito, a member of the naval general staff, was killed while leading a surface suicide attack against American ships off Okinawa last April.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO August 6, 1935 (It was Tuesday) Mussolini calls more troops for African service. Red Cross ready for action in Ethiopia.

Harold Brown sustains broken leg in auto accident at Portland. Coos Bay golfers to play here in inter-city meet.

Thousands of tourists journey to Canada to see Dionne quintuplets. Owen-Oregon mill due to open about first of month.

County debt reduced during first half of year. TWENTY YEARS AGO August 6, 1925 (It was Thursday) New record for travel to Crater Lake set, with 73,444 tourists registering so far this summer.

New city water ordinance to be ready soon. Continued warm. High 96, low 55 degrees. Forest fire situation in state serious.

Forty-two divorces issued so far this year in county. THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO August 6, 1911 (It was Sunday) Bat Nelson batters Tommy Gaffney at Nat.

Horse and buggy belonging to Miss Nina Wall stolen by tramp. Mayor decrees there will be no more prize fights in Medford.

Japs Give Chinese Poisonous "Shots"

Chungking, Aug. 6.—(U.P.)—Chinese forces which re-entered Kanhsten, former American airbase city in southern Kiangsi province, found more than 50,000 persons in the district had been killed or were missing.

More than 1,000 Chinese died in Ichang, in western Hupeh province on the Yangtze river, as the result of poisonous injections, it was reported, which Japanese authorities gave for the prevention of meningitis in the central China states. It was reported that shortly after each injection, the victim swelled and died.

LIFER ESCAPES

Salem, Ore., Aug. 6.—(U.P.)—Charles Kimzey, 60-year-old convict, was still at large today after his escape late Saturday from a labor gang at the state prison farm southeast of Salem. Prison officials said today they had no trace of the fugitive, who was serving a life term as a habitual criminal.

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