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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The power of the "atomic bombs," now dropping on Japan, are terrifying in their destructiveness. One of them exploded 17 miles from this burg, would knock everything down, and render same defunct, but the 34-year-old Main Stem lamp-post—only a "deep dish" thinker can understand the "atomic theory." It is more befuddling than an income tax report questionnaire. It has to do with "atoms," "ions," "protons," "electrons," "solar dynamics," "molecules," particles and specks. They are just as bad, as painted over the radio, by a scared announcer.

"Over the gate of the West Virginia penitentiary is the state motto: 'Montani semper liberi' (mountaineers are always free). —(Press Filler) — Example of saying the wrong thing in the wrong place.

Federal bureaus are gradually changing from letters of the alphabet to numerals to designate orders, agencies, directives, etc., etc. It was a great little alphabet, while it lasted.

An "unheard of storm," that everybody heard, broke over the valley two days ago.

JAP MIND AT WORK

(Press Dispatch)

"With a straight (if unsaved) face, Japan today changed its ambassador to the Philippines which it doesn't have anymore) or at least to the islands' puppet government (which has fled somewhere).

"Tokyo radio said Ko Ishii, foreign office spokesman at the time of Pearl Harbor, succeeds Shozo Murata as ambassador to the puppet government of Jose P. Laurel, last reported in Japan."

The Older Girls of the post-war world will be knee-high in clover, because a Chicago inventor has concocted a combination washing machine, potato peeler, and dishwashing machine, with ice cream freezer attached, all in a single contraption, that will "make everyday playday." If the manufacturer had his mind in his work, he would have made the entire contraption convertible into an armored tank, with cannon, to force her man to mow the lawn, when told, instead of sneaking off to the fishing hole or the golf links.

"PRISONER REGRETS CAPTURE."—(Del Glen News)—He must also be sorry about ever going away.

Before the war, this was the time of year, when a male Adonis in his bathing suit, dove gracefully 41 feet, unsuccessfully into two feet of water.

"For Sale—1926 Ford, Rux-stell axle, good mechanical condition, excellent tires. Cheap."—(Stekiyou News ad)—It's a bird.

Farmers are becoming blue—Many see no hope for Japan, or the third cutting of alfalfa.

More civilian gas is forecast for the fall driving. This means the return of the week-end trips to the river, the hills, the seashore, the lakes, the hospitals and the jails.

"He is one Tony Papatheodorou-koumontourgiannakopoulos, the 'dispatch' said.—S. F. Chronicle)—What a long tail our cat has.

Of the Missouri farm homes served by REA, 91 per cent have radios, 83 per cent have washing machines and 72 per cent have refrigerators.

Atomic Bombs & U. S. Training

One of the well known commentators declares this atomic bomb will end the drive for universal military training.

Mebbe so—though we rather doubt it. But it does bring into sharp relief, one of the strongest arguments against it namely: the war of the future, if and when it comes, will be a war of machines not of men—of the latest lethal weapons, not of combat MASSES.

And as a result military training that may be desirable one year, may well be completely out of date the next.

A trained reserve therefore "of millions of men" will be practically useless—by the time they are called their training will be obsolete.

A TRAINED reserve of technical men on the other hand with an expert knowledge of war machines and their operation, would be priceless.

A research bureau kept constantly abreast of the latest developments in weapons of destruction, would be equally invaluable. But masses of drilled robots fighting wars of yesteryear—NO!

THE trouble with so many proponents of universal training is their failure to distinguish between a military training that is universal—all young men of a certain age not a selected group—and proper military preparedness.

The terms are not synonymous. This country should be strong, should have a larger well trained standing army, should never again be as unprepared, as was true at the time of Pearl Harbor; but on the other hand, it should not devote a dollar, or an hour of time, to military preparation, which is not imperative.

And in the view of this department, UNIVERSAL military training—not voluntary or selective—at least for the next decade or two—is not essential; would in view of facts which can't be denied, be time and money thrown away.

The invention of the atomic bomb merely accentuates this fact, the fact existed before the new invention was announced!—R. W. R.

Yes and No

Historians declare the invention of the steam engine caused no excitement at the time. Yet that invention revolutionized the world.

We clearly recall when the Wright Brothers flew their first airplane at Kittyhawk. That story barely got on the first page—people were interested but very few at the time visualized in the slightest degree, the tremendous importance of conquering gravity in transportation.

So it is probably not surprising that in spite of the tremendous ballyhoo that has accompanied the first use of the atomic bomb, the rank and file remain somewhat sceptical.

It is the big news of the day. Everyone is interested. But very few believe it can end war, or solve the problem of perpetual motion.

Yet claims are made that this new discovery will ultimately do both. Probably, as usual, the truth lies somewhere in between—the discovery no doubt is more important than the rank and file now realize; and not so sensationally important as some of the more excitable proponents claim. — R. W. R.

Step in Right Direction

Announcement that the OPA will suspend price controls on some types of commodities and services at an early date is a step in the right direction. It will clear the decks for speedier, more efficient handling of reconversion pricing problems. It will expedite the job of setting prices for civilian goods coming back into production.

THIS step should not be mistaken as an indication that inflationary pressures are lessening—they are not. V-J Day will bring with it many economic pitfalls that must be avoided. It does not mean that suspension or termination of controls on major items such as foods, clothing and fuels, so important to American economy, are contemplated at this time.

THE severest critics of the OPA are agreed that price control on many items must continue through the period of adjustment following this war until the buying power of the people is in reasonable balance with the supply of goods that can be purchased.

It is heartening, however, to see the first step in eventual abolishment of all irksome regulations of this nature. The final windup cannot be expected for a long time—only when economic stabilization is a reality.

THE early removal of controls will only effect items now below their legal ceiling and others which do not enter vitally into the cost of living. Earliest possible action should be taken on these products, however, for many heavy consumer goods such as automobiles, electric household refrigerators and appliances, radios, etc., which have been out of production will soon be on the market. Firm ceilings will be required for these items until enough production has been attained to reduce or completely satisfy the huge pent-up demand. That's going to increase the OPA's job, and the administrative capacity of this agency should be devoted to the problems that really count. — H. G.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 8—The key to the Polish settlement at Potsdam was not found here to be in the chapter on that subject but was hidden or tucked in an obtrusively in the reparations provisions, to wit, chapter IV, section 2: "The U. S. S. R. undertakes to settle the reparations claims of Poland from its own share of reparations."



Paul Mallon

In short, the German payments for damages to allied Poland, the invasion of which brought Britain (not Russia) into the war, are to be handled by Russia. The text of the chapter expressed "pleasure" at the information of the new Polish government, but no pleasure was mentioned at the abandonment of pretense in handling Poland's reparations due from having been a battleground.

When it came to the crash, Russia directly, and no doubt to her own exclusive pleasure, volunteered to handle that end, although she worded her authority rather graciously, as if she would take care of Poland out of what she would get anyway.

The German settlements (reparations and political) are rather generally agreed to be businesslike, fair, enforceable. As far as the military wrote them, they are clear and precise. When the economists composed the economic parts, they were vague about some things (specifically where the 75 per cent of industry goes from our zone, which Germany does not need and beyond the 25 per cent which Russia does not get.) But these clearly purposed sections of the Potsdam plan will certainly make Germany a pastoral nation—or three national pastures, de-industrialized, but run by different herdsmen, one American, one British and one Russian, without slave labor.

THE other European political settlements, however, attempted or forecast by specific mention, will have a hard time gaining champions here. They obtained largely passive acceptance by men who think not much otherwise could be done in existing circumstances. Thus the whole development has been received as if this corner of the world sat in a dim twilight, peering out at the rest of it, hopefully but uncertainly, able to discern little ahead and not able to think of anything which could be done to clear the atmosphere.

"Perhaps," said one senator, "it is better to be in the twilight than in the dark." What he and the others really felt, however, is that the United States faces a terrific task ahead in this kind of a world.

Their private information suggested Mr. Truman, for example, had saved Greece from the indefinite fall prescribed for Spain. British Premier Attlee wished to reverse the Churchill policy for Greece, where a government to resist Russia and the small domestic communist group has been set up, and for Spain, where Churchill had been playing the Franco regime at long distance slyly to impede Russian control. A break in Greece to open the way for Stalin is expected to develop naturally in the future from the Attlee policy but the conferees based their specific declaration against Spain in restricted form, in a refusal to allow its present government to become a member of the United Nations on the ground of "support of the axis powers."

If other matters were settled the Spanish was unsettled. Greece is an ally, of course, so no nation other than Spain seems likely to get Spain's dose, under the restricted prescription, not even Argentina, which came around belatedly. But Spain will have to conduct a revolution now to get into the United Nations—indeed is invited to do so—although such an event would no doubt put Stalin's people on top there again and add another vote for Russia in the postwar setup. A government truly democratic or more friendly to us than to Russia is hardly possible in Spain unless Franco intends to give it to us as a surprise to thwart Russia.

Four other votes to Russia were directly and assuredly promised in the Potsdam plan. Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland—all occupied by Russia and considered her satellites—are to be welcomed in at

London probably in December to the first United Nations meeting. These assembly votes—and Poland's, for whom Russia is handling the cash—are to be added to the two extras allowed her by Mr. Roosevelt at Yalta in "recognition of the great part" played by the Ukraine and White Russia in the war.

Russia is picking up power in the postwar setup at such speed some issues, especially in view as to possibly imperil control on of the new collaboration attitude of the British government toward Russian aims in Europe, and the development of governments there not necessarily favorable to Britain but apparently unresisting toward Russia.

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.

Do We Need Universal Service

To the Editor: Would results have been better or worse if we had had two or three million military trained boys out there at the time the Japs decided to return some of the scrap iron, gasoline, and explosives, we had been furnishing them? Is it cannon-fodder we need, or more intelligence in handling what we have?

The most important item in the life of every individual is to be fitted into the niche, the Creator qualified them for. A misfit in life is a tragedy, especially in the army, as Gen. Patton can testify. The greatest service that could be rendered to humanity, would be to give our youth the best and most scientific air, in helping them get into the service for which they are best fitted.

Military training for those not suited for it, is worse than foolish. A hundred well selected men can be worth more than a thousand average draftees, especially in this mechanical age. We have just now heard of the exploded atom, the significance of which makes our military training insignificant, and probably obsolete. Let us now use an atom of common sense, collect all war material (not useable in industry) into one pile, and with the exploding atom blow it into the lower regions where it belongs. Then proclaim, the edict, any more ever found, will be served likewise.

With all warring energy, turned to industry, what a "one-World" we can have.

L. C. Jones.

"Perhaps X"

To the editor: Regarding the question raised by W. W. Truax as to the fate of the 16 Polish defendants in the trial at Moscow, there was a very interesting eye-witness account of this trial by Time correspondent Craig Thompson in the July 2nd Time magazine. Newsweek also had an account.

According to Thompson, 15 of the 16 were put on trial. The remaining one was ill. Fourteen pleaded partially guilty. (This seems to be permissible under Soviet procedure), 1 pleaded not guilty, 1 was sentenced to 10 years in jail, 1 to 8 years, 2 to 5 years, 8 to shorter terms, and 3 were acquitted. The "trial" seems to have been more of a political show than anything else.

The fact that the Editor of the Mail-Tribune had no confirmation of this is interesting. How often have I become interested in a newspaper story only to search in vain through subsequent issues for the eventual outcome.

I am not singling out the Mail-Tribune for special blame in this respect. Many of the metropolitan papers with their far greater number of pages are even worse. Perhaps their editors go on the theory that there are far more readers interested in the latest doings of Frankie Sinatra than in the outcome of this trial, and who could prove them wrong?

Or perhaps the press associations sent out nothing on the trial. Or perhaps the Mail-Tribune carried the story and Editor Ruhl, Mr. Truax, and I overlooked it.

Almus Pruitt

'METEOR' JUST ORE

New Orleans (U.P.)—The huge "meteor" in Audubon Park, around which several generations of children have played here, is really nothing but a big lump of Mexican iron ore that was on exhibition at the Cotton Centennial in the 1880s. The last remaining relic of the Centennial, it was considered too unwieldy to move.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

To Seek Pardon, Citizenship Rights



Warran K. Billings, San Francisco watchmaker (left), who served 23 years in Folsom Prison for allegedly aiding Tom Mooney in Preparedness Day bombing, has full support of Attorney James F. Brennan (right) in plea for pardon and citizenship restoration to be presented in San Mateo, Calif. court. Brennan was assistant district attorney who convicted Billings. Later sought term commutation, granted Billings in 1939.

SURVEY IS BLOW TO PET THEORY OF DELINQUENCY

Red Wing, Minn., (U.P.)—You can make a sow's ear out of a silk purse, regardless of whether the reverse is true. C. J. Jackson, superintendent, implied in a statistical report on the personnel at the Minnesota State Training School for Boys.

The report threw several established social theories for a loss.

For instance, the one about most wayward boys coming from broken families. Jackson said there were 279 boys living at his institution. Parents of 157 of them are living together. In 139 of those 157 cases both parents are rated "good" on the youth's enrollment cards.

9 P.C. From Divorced Couples

Although the divorce rate in Minnesota is 18 per cent of all marriages, only 8.9 per cent of Jackson's boys are sons of divorced couples. Twenty-five of them are in this category.

The superintendent's figures also ran contrary to the popular notion that the offspring of foreign-born people contribute in large measure to juvenile delinquency problems. Only 15 of the state training school inmates are from families in which both father and mother were immigrants.

In 33 cases one of the parents was a native of some other land. Information was lacking in this respect in four cases, but 227 of the boys are sons of American-born couples.

152 From 'Ideal' Homes

Supposedly ideal for family rearing is the situation in which the father is employed and the mother stays at home tending the house and training the children. Jackson said, however, that 152 of the school's inmates have such a background.

Both parents of 51 of the boys are employed, while 22 represent homes in which widowed mothers work.

One hundred fifty are sons of temperate parents, and in just four cases are both parents intemperate.

Jackson reported that crimes involving property—thefts and related acts—resulted in the sentencing of most of the reform school inmates. Generally speaking, he said, their wrongdoing did not result from poverty.

SAMS VALLEY SOLDIER HURT IN JEEP WRECK

T-5 Guy E. Payne, Sams Valley, was injured in a jeep accident in Austria about a month ago, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Payne. Now in McCaw General Hospital at Walla Walla, Wash., T-5 Payne writes that his pelvis was broken in five places, his right ankle was fractured and he suffered a slight injury to his spine. He is in a body cast, according to the letter, where he will remain for some time, after which he expects to visit his parents on a furlough.

The accident occurred when T-5 Payne was returning to his base after a visit with his brother, Maxwell, in France.

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 8, 1935 (It Was Thursday)

Air bombers, with 130 men and 15 planes to come here August 18, for week's practice.

Wiley Post and Will Rogers arrive at Juneau on world flight.

Fair, with above normal temperatures. High 91, low 54 degrees.

Harvesting of field crops starts in county.

Joe Louis knocks out Kingfish Levinsky in first round.

Postoffice crew to picnic Sunday at Grants Pass.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

August 8, 1925 (It Was Saturday)

Work to start on new high school in September.

Bartlett picking starts in Willow Springs district.

"Cinderella girl" adopted by New York millionaire tries to commit suicide.

High crowd sees Klan parade in Washington, D. C.

Nation never in better shape from every angle, Secretary of Commerce Hoover reports.

Continued warm. High 102, low 64 degrees.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

August 8, 1911 (It Was Tuesday)

Thirty-eight road shows booked for Medford coming season.

Col. TouVelle returns from trip to Chico, Cal.

Medford initiates bill to regulate Espee freight rates.

Lady Cox of Singapore here to visit Crater Lake.

REFUGE ON CAMPUS

Harpers Ferry, W. Va.—(U.P.)—The old engine house in which John Brown and his men took refuge, and in which they were besieged and the survivors captured, now stands on the campus of Storer college, an institution of higher education for Negroes near here. The spectacular raid on the engine house was the basis of the song "John Brown's Body."

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PIMPLES

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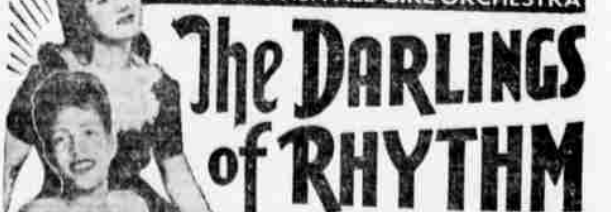
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