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OREGON NEWS PAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION
Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

Japan is dilly-dallying about signing the surrender terms. There seems to be no ink in the fountain pen of the Imperial and Infernal government, and the "Son of Heaven" has sprained his wrist, and no can write. The militarists of the "Land of The Rising Sun" want proof Uncle Sam manufactured more than two 'atomic bombs'—and, are apt to get it.
 "Miss —, sister of the b'ride, served as maid of honor, wearing a pink gladiolus."—(McHenry (Ill) Plaindealer)—"Warm weather, there having!"

Polls show the popularity of President Truman, after the first 100 days is mounting, while commentators wonder, if he will be able to keep it, until after the 1946 elections. He will, as long as he doesn't try to be President, and run for Congress in all the districts.

One of the first post-war projects will be the improvement of the Crater Lake highway. It is run-down from being run over.

Fletch Fish, the boom-day tenor of Phoenix has an outstanding tan. He is as brown as an Indian, berry, or nut, individually or collectively.

Due to the people not planting as many as they should, when the fish were reported biting last spring, a potato shortage looms next winter.

LITTLE WOMAN PLANS
 (Salem Statesman)
 "Like a starving man plans for future sumptuous meals, we are looking forward to a good supply of real rubber garters. We'll have our nylon stockings held up so tight and smooth we'll be half choked."
 —(Maxine Buren)

Spain after years of revolution, dictatorship, use by the Axis, as a testing ground for Axis armies, and a hungry population, reports its 'economic status' is improved. There has been no optimism like this, since the time, a Jalopy was violently nudged at a crossing by a mogul, and the driver reported a fender was straightened, the engine ran smoother, and two more notes sounded on the musical horn.

Huckleberries are ripening in the high hills, with some competition reported between pickers and bears. As yet no picker has picked up a bear, in mistake for a half-filled pail.

When the Mikado is dethroned, he will be unemployed. Unlike a senator from a Mid-West state, decisively rejected by the voters, he will not be appointed to an easier and better paying job, by the White House.

"TRUMAN NEARLY BACK TO NORMAL"—(Hdline Ashland Tidings)—When was he otherwise.

Punishment of the lesser war criminals has started. In the Mooseburg prison camp on the Danube, under American directions, war criminals cook the meals for other war criminals.

5-STAR SALESMANSHIP
 "You know, there has been a lot of talk about Fuller brush men and other salesmen. Well, I have a new respect for Singer sewing machine salesmen. This village was alive with old Singer sewing machines.
 "How anyone could sell a sewing machine to a bunch of people who don't care what is exposed and have virtually nothing to sew, is beyond me, but they did it—and I shall be everlastingly amazed by the whole thing!" (From letter in Pendleton East Oregonian).

A Terrific Job

The job of restoring peace and security in the Far East promises to be a long and difficult one. When Germany surrendered the German armies were concentrated on the home grounds and in a comparatively small space. What was left of the German navy was scattered, but the remnant was largely made up of U-boats, and U-boats do not encourage privateering.

BUT, the eastern Pacific Jap armies are scattered all over the place, from New Guinea and the Philippines through Burma and Indo-China to Thailand. They still occupy also a large portion of southeastern China and most of Manchuria. So, it will be SOME job to gather the yellow armed hordes together, disarm them, and pack them back to Japan proper,—or wherever they are to go.

MOREOVER, the Japanese temperament being what it is, and the military tradition also, it will be very surprising if the Japs behave as well as the well-disciplined and naturally subservient Germans. Not that any organized resistance is probable. Without his officer to direct him the average Jap private when captured is as meek and mild as a whipped dog. But there are bound to be some of the subordinate officers who will prefer fighting-to-the-death, or self destruction, to surrender. This won't make the job of mopping up the mess any easier!

AND here, of course, is where retaining the Emperor will help tremendously. For to the rank and file of the Japanese he is God, the All Highest, and if Hirohito does cooperate the difficult Allied task will be greatly facilitated. What the Emperor orders most of the people will do.

IN all probability, however, it will be many months before anything approaching normalcy is restored either in Japan proper or the vast areas which Japan has had under her control the past three or four years,—some of it indeed like Korea, for decades.

It will take the best organizing ability, intelligence and cooperation the Allies can muster, to restore law and order throughout vast expanses of the Far East without serious delays and even more serious disorders.—R.W.R.

What a Year!

Think of it! Only a year ago today, August 14, 1944, American forces were fighting to get a solid foothold in France. Germany was entirely intact, save for a tiny wedge in East Prussia, made by the Russians. She was fighting hard and skillfully on two fronts.

The Yanks had not made even a start toward the Philippines. Guam was still occupied by the Japs; American forces, land, sea and air were still over 1,400 miles from Tokyo!

Both in Europe and the Far East it looked not only like a "Long, Long Road to Tipperary;" it looked like an extremely costly one, not only in blood and treasure, but in time.

Well, it proved to be in blood and treasure. But in time, NO!

Considering the obstacles that had to be overcome the job was cleaned up in an incredibly brief period. And this not considering the unexpected advent of the atomic bomb, through which, as before stated in this department,—a modern MIRACLE was performed!—R.W.R.

Did We "Mean" It?

An anonymous correspondent writes:
 "Do you really mean it when you suggest we give the secret of the atomic bomb to the United Nations, and allow only that organization to manufacture and use it?"

In the first place let it be stated as emphatically as anything can be, that we never have, and never will, write anything in this department that we DON'T "mean!" There will be,—we hope,—occasional light-touches and some ironical twists, but they should be self evident to any adult reader. When we feel disposed to put things of a serious nature in this department we DON'T mean,—we QUIT!

WE not only believe the atomic bomb should be handed over to the United Nations, and its manufacture and use be outlawed elsewhere, but we believe the sooner this decision is made and action taken the better for the world and everyone in it.

Only yesterday Sir James Shadwick, chief British scientist in the atomic bomb project declared,—we quote:

"The atomic bomb is not strictly a British-American secret. Any nation can moreover learn the secret in about five years of experimentation, assuming it has access to the necessary raw materials. I think this is a very serious point."

It certainly IS! It means that in five years or less, if some agreement is not reached regarding this incredibly devastating weapon, all nations of the world will be able to manufacture it.

That will mean, eventually, a competitive race in this field, as the nations have competed in the past in the less lethal field, and that will mean the next war will not only be inevitable but instead of being the war to end war, will be the war probably to end human civilization as far as this planet is concerned.

CERTAINLY the people inhabiting this ball of dirt should have the wisdom and the plain horse-sense to prepare now to avoid any supreme tragedy of that sort.

And the United Nations league, comprising an overwhelming majority of the manpower and the natural resources of this earth, supplies the easy and sure—and probably the ONLY—way to do it!—R.W.R.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 14—A peculiar uprising is being bestirred within the Truman government.



Paul Mallon

Although all polls agree the new president's popularity is greater than the late Mr. Roosevelt's at its uppermost peak, the remaining arch-new deal politicians in the senate are trying to get a backfire organized against him with left-wing labor. Since the British elections gave them spiritual inspiration, they no longer conceal their unhappiness with current events. They are beginning to issue warnings, contrive pressures and even create forebodings of political disaster. Up to now they have been acting with subtle indirection, as if they did not want to be caught at it. Now they are more openly trying a comeback, letting people who carry tales to the White House know how they feel.

The trouble is Mr. Truman has achieved unity in this country, and they do not like it. As one of their self-professed leaders expressed it to a newsman: "Mr. Truman is for the Roosevelt philosophy all right, but he does not fight for it. We've got to have fighting."

WHAT particular thing they want to fight for, they do not specify or know. Matters they mention are a fairly complete disclosure of the restricted character of the movement. The new dealers are not getting their friends appointed to federal judgeships. Mr. Truman has been choosing judges for legal and democratic party reasons, rather than for their zeal in a socializing way.

Furthermore, they take the cabinet changes as a personal reflection on the new deal, although every member is a pro-Roosevelt democrat.

It is true the new appointees have shown no inclination to inspire political hates, to fan up hot, if artificial issues; and hell-raising is an indispensable part—say the new dealers—of new dealism as they understand it. Without mobilization of pressure groups, accusations against the motives of others and attacking a disagreeing person as a "fascist" or something, like the communists do, these people think they will lose their power.

So prophecies are being offered in the higher senatorial circles, that a new deal-CIO pressure movement will force Mr. Truman to change by fall, and cause him to stir up some enemies of some kind to get the radical vote in the November congressional elections. They say he must have "the labor vote," that socialism has been popular in Britain and thus there will be a development known among Rooseveltians as "a swing to the left" in the immediate future.

I DOUBT it. The new deal game is pretty well played out. These old devices are familiar to the people. They no longer pay much attention to such things. This country is not socialist or radical. Neither is "the labor vote" as a whole. Mr. Roosevelt would not have won the last election if the nation had not been in the middle of war. His radical following would not have been sufficient to swing the country.

The people of this country are just as weary of 13 years of political hates and synthetic strife as the British were of the conservatives (only a third of the new labor M.P.'s have union labor memberships and the bulk of labor's victory came from middle class, white-collar districts where the effects of Britain's totally weak position, economically, financially, materially and militarily have been felt).

Britain is going down; this country is going up. There was no hope for socialism in the Canadian elections

almost simultaneous with Britain's. The budding Co-operative Commonwealth Federation was extinguished. It elected only one M.P., and he renounced his party affiliation within two weeks, so now there is not a single socialist member of the Canadian parliament. Conditions there are more like ours.

MR. TRUMAN is building up the democratic party to terrific power. Mr. Roosevelt relied on the C. I. O.-P. A. C. and similar radical pressure groups to do his campaigning. Mr. Truman is creating his own party organization. Frankly this already appears stronger than the pressure groups in a political way. Give him three more years of it, and he may have an unbeatable organization like the republicans had for so many years—if he has not achieved it already.

Consequently, I do not look for a change. With unity and Truman as popular as both are, and Postmaster General Bob Hannegan building up a political organization which they say is better already than Jim Farley had, the appetites of the left-over new deal senators for patronage may go unappeased and the backfires and pressures of the small left-wing class groups may be wasted.

95-Year-Old Woman Masters Typing To Aid Fractured Arm

Hammond, La. (U.P.)—The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog's back.

The sweet, little old lady was learning to type.

It wasn't long before the keys were falling properly and Mrs. Ignatia Robinson was typing: "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog's back."

Mrs. Robinson, now 95, doesn't know the meaning of the word "quit."

She took up horseback riding at the age of 75 just because she was "getting in a rut." When she was 92 she fractured her right arm, and physicians said the arm would never be the same.

For hours at a time, Mrs. Robinson exercised the fingers of her injured arm and now can play the piano and keep space of many a typical 75 years her junior.

Mrs. Robinson, who is the oldest resident of Hammond as far as can be learned, has written 10 poems since her 93rd birthday. These and earlier poems were collected by the family and published under the title of "The Love Chain," which is a title of one of the poems.

"I never give up," is Mrs. Robinson's motto, and from her accomplishments this is apparent.

STEREOTYPED PAPER FIRST IN OVER MONTH

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The Birmingham Post published a four-page stereotyped extra edition today, the first daily paper published here in more than a month.

The Birmingham News and Age-Herald were planning a similar combined edition. The three daily newspapers have been shut down since July 11 by a strike of union printers.

BEEF LIMIT

St. Louis, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—There's a limit to all things—even "beefs" about no beef.

A sign in a suburban market here reads: "Please limit abuse of the butcher to five minutes."

IT'S LEGAL!

It costs you no money to get a couple extra red ration points now and then—if you know how to go about it.

And it isn't black market, either! For instead of paying for the extra meat allowance, you get paid for earning it,—simply by saving and turning over to the meat dealer used cooking fats.

As a quick refresher course, here's all you do: Skim all soups, scrape all pans, render down fresh and cooked fat. Every drop counts. When your fat salvage container is full, rush it immediately to your meat dealer. He will give you extra red ration points, and cash—for free.

ANY BONDS TODAY? By Jack Benny

Illustrated by Licht



"These here War Bonds, Buddy, you got to hold."

Rich Farming Areas Of Normandy Ruined By Shells, Bombs, Floods

Paris—(U.P.)—France's great rich farming province of Normandy which formerly supplied the country with a great percentage of its milk, butter, eggs and cereals has suffered more than any other part of France from the effects of the battles of 1944.

Many years work will be necessary to restore it to its former productivity.

The soil itself has suffered greatly, especially in the coastal regions where both Germans and Allies built extensive defense works, airfields and trenches. The Nazis flooding of wide areas with sea water wrought lasting damage to many tracts of rich land.

Trenches, earthworks and shellholes will have to be filled in with hundreds of thousands of tons of good soil from distant regions. Flooded areas will have to be pumped out.

Throughout the combat zones, principally along the Caen-Falaise-Argentan line, huge tracts have been transformed into veritable marshes. In a general manner it is the areas along the main highways which have suffered the most. Fearing the routes might be mined, the advancing Allied armies drove their armor and trucks through the fields on either side of the roads, creating a sort of secondary track at least 120 feet wide.

Rains Aggravated

The heavy rains which fell in September considerably aggravated this state of affairs as the heavily damaged river banks could not withstand pressure and spilled over the flat plains. It is true the Allies rebuilt the main bridges in the region but naturally did not have time to bother with the secondary bridges over smaller streams. It is precisely these smaller bridges which are important for the farmer who wishes to transport his produce to the neighboring market towns.

The Germans laid a tremendous number of mines either to defend their original positions or to cover their retreat and this is proving to be a great obstacle to getting agriculture started again. In the five departments comprising the province it was estimated there are about 100,000 acres of mined land.

More than 5,000 farms were totally destroyed while hundreds of others sustained 50 per cent damage.

The Ministry for Reconstruction Planning early this month sent out circulars to farmers throughout the region asking them to send in detailed information concerning damage to their farms. The ministry—which up till now has not been able to do much to improve the situation in view of the lack of raw materials—will then be able to make a start on the systematic assessment of the amount of ma-

terial necessary for reconstruction work.

Not only have the farms and farmlands been so badly damaged that production is negligible but subsidiary industries such as mills, distilleries, cheese and butter have been hard hit.

Crops Unharvested

In the combat zones the harvests were destroyed or just remained ungarnered even outside the mined areas.

With the land in this state there was little fodder available for cattle and horses. The Calvados region has lost more than 20 per cent of its working oxen and 80 per cent of beef oxen.

Experts have calculated that in the Calvados department more than 250,000 acres of land cannot be used for a considerable time. This constitutes a terrific loss to a department whose total agricultural lands cover little more than 1,000,000 acres.

The situation in the Manche department is much the same where 300,000 acres out of 1,100,000 are a total loss to agriculture for the time being. Sixty thousand acres were inundated and 100,000 laid waste by military operations. Because of the lack of labor the authorities have not yet begun de-mining operations.

Cattled Killed

Out of a total possible seven million quintals of potatoes only three and one-half were harvested. More than 100,000 head of cattle were killed or died plus more than 10,000 sheep.

The Orne, Seine-Inférieure and Eure departments which also compromise Normandy are in a much better situation and the amount of mined land there is relatively insignificant. Also losses in buildings, land and cattle were on a much reduced scale.

The government is naturally doing what it can to bring relief to these regions, but France lacks even the most elementary essentials to make this work possible at the present time. Means of transport are lacking and at the same time there is a great dearth of fertilizers and fuel. A certain amount of aid has been extended to farmers by the creation of so-called "agricultural credits" by means of which it is hoped they will be able to tide themselves over the thin times ahead and particularly over the coming winter.

SHIPYARD TO REDUCE

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The Tacoma branch of the Todd-Pacific Shipyards, Inc., will reduce its working force at the rate of about 2000 a month during the next nine months, President R. J. Lamont announced today.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 August 14, 1935
 (It was Wednesday)
 The ground crew for the army bombing maneuvers to be held here arrives.

Mercury soars to 107 mark yesterday for hottest day of year.

Fair and warm. High 94, low 55 degrees.

Pork prices in Chicago jump to \$29.50, highest since depression.

Valley peach growers meet and set prices for season.

Mann's remodeled store to open tomorrow.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 August 14, 1925
 (It was Friday)
 Touch of fall in air as mercury drops.

Citizens advised to boil their drinking water.

Crater Lake road now in fine condition.

Prospect fire spreading to green timber.

Price of eggs and butter drop on Portland market.

Medford school board protests text book plan.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
 August 14, 1911
 (It was Wednesday)
 Wholesale price of beef hind quarters leaps to 14 cents on Portland market.

Aviator Atwood travels 98 miles in hour on flight to Boston.

Attorney Porter J. Neff returns from trip to Portland.

Only 20 forest fires reported so far this season in county.

Girls Softball At Hi School Tonight

Girls Community club and Orphans, tied for first place in the infant Girls' Softball league, will cross bats at the high school field at 7 o'clock tonight for leadership of the loop.

League games are played at the high school baseball diamond each Tuesday and Thursday night. Thursday night the Camp White Glamazons meet the Motor Pool Amazons.

TAFT'S BROTHER DIES
 New York, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Henry Wallace Taft, 86, brother of the late William Howard Taft, former president, died yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital as the result of injuries suffered in a fall last April 27. Taft, an attorney, was born in Cincinnati, O.

WEATHER
 Northern California: Clear today, tonight and Wednesday, but fog on the coast; fresh northwest wind off coast.

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the sanitary napkin with the "Cushion Center"

2 pkgs. 39c

This "Cushion Center" construction gives you CUSHION COMFORT and maximum protection.



Made by the makers of M-D TISSUE

NOTICE to WORKERS
MYRON ROOT CO. Inc.
 PACKING HOUSE
 WILL START
Wednesday, Aug. 15
 At 1:00 P. M.

Looking to the Future—by Ralph Lee



An army of 23,000 teen-age boys, girls in the Oregon Green Guard, pledge to KEEP OREGON GREEN. Are you observing the rules of common sense? Appoint yourself a fire warden.

Keep Oregon Green Association—Salem, Oregon