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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Today this space is filled with an effusion from the typewriter of Harold Haynes, columnist of the Astoria Astorian-Budget, as follows:

"This evening, friends, we're appearing here in our new role of builder and architect. Yeah, we've just put the finishing touches to an outdoor fireplace up home. We haven't said anything here before about our Kensington project for the very good reason that there was something better than a 50-50 chance that when we got all through with the job, it would be perfect in every respect except that the thing wouldn't work."

Now very much to our surprise, and we don't mean maybe, we're resting easy on the working angle. We seem to have fallen a bit short of perfection here and there with our rock work, but anyway the fireplace does work, which is the main idea after all.

To Chris Carlson, "Doc" Stern, Floyd Foster, "Mac" Mindes and a number of other outdoor fireplace authorities and to Sverre Halsan, mortar mixing expert, we would right here and now express our deep thanks for services rendered. Even if we did seem to have to discard all their advice and do the job by main strength and awkwardness, we would still be ready to attribute our entire success in this building venture to them. We couldn't quit in the middle of the work with them watching us.

And you know there's a very strange thing about this brand new fire box. It has all the earmarks of age. It looks like something that old Donald McTavish and his Hudson Bay company boys might have used here in the old trading post days. In fact, it looks more aged than that even—like a throwback to the stone age or something.

Incidentally, we don't believe we've mentioned here that our stirring controversy with Commissioner Anton Sorenson of the city fathers' aggregation, about MacTavish has been concluded and old "Mac" is once more resting peacefully in the old city hall lawn up Sixteenth street way.

It was a great fight while it lasted, friends, and that we didn't come off a winner with the Commissioner occasions us no regret whatever. You very seldom win a verbal bout with a member of the city commission, you know. If you get to draw, you're doing well enough. Anyway, we scored a point for our side when the city fathers officially ordered our story of MacTavish to be filed in the city's archives along with the commissioner's masterpiece of rebuttal.

We can't seem to remember now what all the shooting was about and, of course, we can't bother to look it up. But anyway, we meant well by old "Mac". No doubt, he played the game fast and loose like but there wasn't much of conservatism in the old Oregon country when he was here. We wouldn't have much of an idea whether he really did the best he could by himself, under conditions as they were, or not, but anyway after this brief interval of controversy we're willing he should sleep in peace again.

It's a very unpleasant and unprofitable business, this setting up of standards of human behavior for people. Personally, we're against it unless they start pushing us around. This world would be a very drab place with everybody having outdoor stone fireplaces and very little else. If there weren't people around doing foolish things, it's nothing

Back of The Headlines

By Louis F. Kemmler

The Japanese are taking American occupation, now well under way, with outward good grace.

The full effects of the defeat, however, must be looked for not in the reaction of the Japanese people or in the rank and file of the military. What counts is the course to be pursued in the immediate future by the nations leaders or rulers, political, military and economic.

Long before the collapse, it was recognized in American circles even superficially acquainted with the Japanese structure that the surrender would come from the top, not from revolt among the civilian population or the rank and file of the armed forces. When submission came, it came from the emperor.

The Japanese people have been disciplined by tradition and practice over the centuries. They are accustomed to group obedience in the family, to religious tenets and taboos, to the police, the military and civilian authority. They have not been accustomed to individual thinking or action. They have no concept of democracy; submission to totalitarian rule is as natural as eating or breathing.

Any idea of educating the Japanese masses to democracy from the outside is therefore fantastic. Whatever real change is made will come from inside the country, and will start at the top.

In that light, the current pronouncements of Japan's leaders are worthy of serious consideration. The outpourings are voluminous enough, and a lot of the things said have to be discounted as due to bewilderment and confusion over the catastrophe. There is also a tendency to present national pride, break the blow gently to the people, and probably to soft-soap the Allies into making the occupation as easy and as brief as possible.

Nevertheless, if there is any sincerity at all in their words,

the top men of Japan appear to realize that a new era of world cooperation and revulsion against war is in the making, and that Japan's chief hope of survival lies in falling into step.

The thought that Japan must relinquish any dream of military conquest and the old theory of a divine race destined to bring the world under one Japanese "roof" was noticeable in the remarks of Premier Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni, in his first press interview. He said:

"The future of the Japanese race does not lie within the Japanese nation. I believe that Japan will flourish only when the principle of mutual existence is pursued, together with the other nations. Therefore, the superiority of its race and the discrimination practiced by the Nazi party are things which are unsuitable for Japan; nor is Germany's slogan 'Deutschland Uber Alles' acceptable to Japan. . . ."

Our Yamato race must march forward hand in hand with all other races. . . . Thus, I believe that the theory of racial superiority will never do for Japan's future."

The same line of thought was expressed by the Tokyo newspaper Asahi, which warned Japan to beware of the German example, not to seek revenge, but to carry out the surrender terms faithfully, abandon the idea that might is right and cooperate to abolish militarism.

If that lesson has really been learned, at such bitter cost, the Japanese may be taking first faltering steps toward a return to sanity. The premier called for free speech, a free press, free elections, and repression of the "special thought" or political police. If even a beginning is made on such a program, there will be much ground for hope. It is a program certain of Allied encouragement, provided an honest effort is made to get it going.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 29 — Pressure from mothers who want their sons back home—and service men — is playing havoc with the discharge and draft programs. More irate mail from them has been received in congress, and therefore presumably also at the White House and war department's,

than upon all other subjects combined since V-J day.

At that time, you will recall, the government came forward with the program retaining about two-thirds of the armed strength for present peacetime, and planned a gradual demobilization over the long period of 12 to 18 months. Well, the navy changed its tune and figures two week later, announcing what was called "a speedy step-up" in demobilization—and it was all of that, and more. It more than doubled its earlier demobilization plan.

The army announced its retreat through Mr. Truman's draft message to congress. Whereas, on V-J day the army had proclaimed intention of keeping an occupation force of 2,700,000, it came down to 1,200,000 in the Truman recommendation.

BUT the army covered its retreat with a flanking maneuver. It inspired Mr. Truman to propose the first peacetime draft in all history of youths 18 to 25. To me this looks like a sort of universal military training program—the youth draft—in a disguise of demobilization requirements. The training would presumably be mostly in police work in foreign lands, its scope limited to 500,000 men, and the age limit, of course, runs a little higher than the youth draft plan, but the basic idea is not dissimilar. It would be a peacetime draft of youth for two years or army service.

As I said, congress has been hearing from mothers also—the mothers of youth to be drafted—and showed public signs of resistance to the Truman message to the house and senate military affairs committee as soon as it arrived. Adding volume and substance to their resistance was a growing suspicion of army figures, already once altered in two weeks. A strong movement is developing behind the position taken by Chairman May of the house committee, who wants to wait three months before doing anything. That is less than a crime sometimes that we don't know what we're talking about, isn't it?"

the course likely to be taken by congress.

THE argument now all runs down into the simple question of how many men will want to remain as volunteers in the service. The proposition Mr. Truman submitted was based on the assumption there will only be 300,000. He figured 500,000 men would be produced by continuing the draft "at its present rate," so you would think only 400,000 men would have to be retained in the army to make the needed 1,200,000 for the occupational force. But he left this last part of it open, saying additional supporting forces would be needed in this country, but he did not know how many. (If the army can figure how many it needs for occupation abroad, why can it not figure a home supporting force precisely?)

These considerations leave the figures a little fuzzy. You can pull the fuzz from them all day long and you can only come to the conclusion that the army does not know:

(a) How many will volunteer to remain in until it asks them, and

(b) Cannot calculate anything else until this is proved conclusively.

THE change in the demobilization plan, however, may upset the Truman economic calculations somewhat. A swifter demobilization will release men for civilian employment faster and complicate that problem if it develops severely.

To date there are far more jobs calling for workers in my community than any army releases can fill, and the want ads in the newspapers I read contain 10 to 1000 more applications for workers than for work.

MRS. CHIANG ENDS YEAR STAY HERE

Washington, Aug. 30—(UP)—Mme. Chiang Kai Shek, wife of China's generalissimo, was en route back to her homeland today after an absence of more than a year.

She left Washington by plane last night after receiving an urgent appeal from her husband to return.

Yesterday she paid a formal call on President Truman and conferred at length with Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, following a luncheon at the Chinese embassy.

She came here from New York accompanied by secret service agents and an American nurse.

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 31, 1935 (It was Saturday)

Gov. Martin visits city and valley and inspects Siskiyou highway unit.

Fair, High 92, low 55 degrees.

Vernon Kennedy of Chicago White Sox hurls no hit game.

Aviation school promoter who bilked a number of valley youths pleads guilty.

Burglars again busy in city, and many homes entered.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO August 31, 1915 (It was Monday)

Navy plane takes off for Honolulu.

Henry Ford paid income tax on income of 20 million.

Labor conditions in valley good.

Fishing in Rogue river turns sour.

Ralph Cowgill to be candidate for state senate.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO August 31, 1911 (It was Thursday)

Paris creates new gown, with slit at bottom of skirt that shows ankle, and makes walking easier.

School Board accepts Jackson and Roosevelt school buildings.

President Taft opposes recall system in speech.

Frank Gotch to wrestle Hackenschmidt in Chicago for world heavy title.

GEN. WAINWRIGHT ARRIVES IN MANILA ON WAY TO TOKYO

Manila, Aug. 30—(UP)—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright and a group of other high Allied officers released from enemy prison camps arrived today en route to Tokyo to witness Japan's formal surrender.

Wainwright, who succeeded Gen. Douglas MacArthur as commander of Bataan and Corregidor in the dark days of 1942, landed at Nichols field at 5:43 p. m. (4:43 a. m. EWT) after a flight from Chungking.

For Wainwright, it was his first visit to Manila since he surrendered the battered, starved American and Filipino garrison of Corregidor to the Japanese.

Among those accompanying Wainwright from Chungking were members of his staff and Lt. Gen. A. E. Percival, the British commander who surrendered Singapore to the Japanese in 1942.

They will fly to Tokyo Bay in time to be MacArthur's guests at the formal surrender ceremony aboard the battleship Missouri next Sunday.

JAIL MOVIE STAR; HE THREW ROCKS

Hollywood, Aug. 30—(UP)—Movie Star Dana Andrews was jailed on an assault charge today after a night of celebrating in Hollywood's fashionable "Sunset Strip" home of the after-hour night-clubs.

Andrews, 36, and known about town as a family man, was booked at Hollywood police station at 4:55 a. m. after residents north of the strip complained he was throwing rocks and tearing up mail boxes.

That was all right, they said, but when they protested, he started throwing rocks at them, big ones.

Andrews spent the night in jail on the assault charge on account of the rocks, police said. Otherwise, the charge might have been less serious.

SUGAR STOCK UP 21 PTS., NEW HIGH

New York, Aug. 30—(UP)—Guantanamo Sugar Company preferred stock soared 21 points to a new high at 221 to feature an irregular, dull stock market today.

The spurt in Guantanamo preferred followed announcement by the company that its recapitalization has become effective. The plan provides for issuance of 2.2 shares of new \$5 cumulative preferred for each share of existing preferred.

Farmers of Schobaria county, New York, have found that Sudan grass and millet grown by them make good emergency pasture or hay crops.

WEEKLY BENEFIT MAKING LOAFERS OUT OF SOLDIERS

Washington, Aug. 30—(UP)—World War II veterans are drawing unemployment compensation, under the GI bill of rights, at a rate almost three times that of non-veterans.

A Disabled American Veterans spokesman said today that figures indicated some veterans are loafing in order to collect the \$20 weekly benefit allowed them under the GI bill.

This, he said, is a reflection not on the veteran but on the bill, which he said offers the serviceman an incentive to remain unemployed.

The Veterans administration, which pays the GI benefits, attached no significance to the figures, which showed for a typical week in August that 1.52 per cent of the estimated 3,000,000 veterans draw readjustment allowances while only .56 per cent of the 36,000,000 covered non-veterans drew unemployment insurance.

The loafing charge came from Millard W. Rice, national service director of the Disabled American Veterans. He said the tendency was easily understandable.

"Many veterans feel that the only way they can get the money due them under the GI bill as a readjustment allowance is to be unemployed," Rice said. "So there is no inclination to find work."

Livestock

Portland, Aug. 30—(UP)—(USDA)—Livestock: Cattle market fairly active, about steady. Few common-corn steers 10.75-14.50; common heifers 10-11.00; canner and cutter cows, largely 6.50; fat dairy type cows up to 9.00; choice vealers up to 14.00.

Hogs: Market active, steady, barrows and gilts, 12.75; sows, 15.00, around half of supply feeder pigs at 21.00.

Sheep: Early trade slow, with quality poor, opening steady, good-choice lamb saleable 12.75-13.25; good yearling held above 10.50, good ewes sold at 8.50-9.

South San Francisco, Aug. 30—(UP)—(USDA)—Cattle: Unevenly steady. Steers nominal, few canners 972 lb. Dairy bred steers, 12.50-13.50. Load medium 880 lb. Idaho heifers \$15.75. Three loads mixed common to good range cows offered weak.

Two loads 900 lb. steady, general market \$7-8. Calves 75; steady. Load medium to good 308 lb. scattered cows \$12.75.

Hogs: Firm. Few packages good to choice 210-305 lb. barrows and gilts \$13.75. Odd good sows \$10.

Sheep: Nominal. Good and choice lambs scarce quoted \$13-14. Medium to good yearlings \$10-11. Common to good ewes \$9-9.

Chicago, Aug. 30—(UP)—(WFA)—Livestock: Hogs active, fully steady; good and choice barrows and gilts 14.00 lbs. and up at 14.75 ceiling; good and choice sows at 14.00, complete clearance.

Cattle: Choice steers and yearlings steady; top 17.85; best yearlings 17.25; common medium and good grade steers including comparable heifers weak to 25 cents lower; cows steady to 25 cents lower; mostly 10 to 15 cents down; heavy bulk steady; others 10 to 15 cents lower; general market a pre-holiday cleanup affair at a low level for season excepting on choice fed steers fully steady at 15.00 down, few stockers here.

Sheep: Native slaughter spring lambs steady to 25 cents lower; mature ewes steady; good and choice native spring lambs 13.25 to 13.75; with hucks discounted 1.50, some at 13.25 carrying a small medium end. Common sort-outs mainly 10.00 to 11.00; storn aged slaughter ewes 3.00 to 6.50, according to grade.

Portland Produce

Portland, Aug. 30—(UP)—Eggs—To Retailers AA extra large 60c; A extra large 58c; A large 56c; small 54c; 31c dozen.

VEGETABLES: Cabbage—No. 1 local 1.15-1.25. Eggplant—1.50-1.75. Onions—Green 75-80c doz bunches. Radishes—Local spring 90c-95 per dozen bunches.

FRESH FRUITS: Apples—Hood River Gravensteins 3.3-3.25 fancy box 3.55 Gravensteins 3.3-3.25 loose box.

San Francisco Aug. 30—(UP)—Dairy Market: Butter 23 score 43 1/2, 92 score 43, 50 score 42 1/2.

Cheese: Loaf 28.2, triolets 27.2. Eggs: Large grade A 53 1/2; medium grade A 48 1/2, small grade A 40 1/2, large grade B 45 1/2.

Central California: Large grade A 56, medium grade A 51, small grade A 43, large grade B 48.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Aug. 30—(UP)—Grain Market: Wheat Open High Low Close Sept 164 165 164 163 1/2. Dec 164 164 163 1/2 164 1/2. May 162 1/2 162 1/2 161 1/2 162 1/2. July 155 1/2 156 1/2 153 1/2 155.

Wall Street

New York, Aug. 30—(UP)—A last minute spurt of strength brought the stock market up in all sections today after early irregularity. Trading increased.

At the close gains ranged to more than a point in a long list of stocks. Bethlehem finished at 82 1/2 up 1 1/2; U. S. Steel 71 up 1; Great Northern Railway 51 up 1; Illinois Central 32 1/2 up 1 1/2; and Missouri-Kansas-Texas Preferred 34 1/2 up 1.

Table of stock closing prices including American Telephone & Telegraph, Anacosta, Chrysler, Curtiss Wright, General Electric, General Motors, Montgomery Ward, Penn. R. R., Phillips Petroleum, J. C. Penney, Radio, Southern Pacific, Standard Oil of California, Texas Gulf Sulphur, Transamerica, United Aircrafts, U. S. Rubber, U. S. Steel.

Judge Won't Play Role of Dan Cupid

Cincinnati, O. (UP)—Judge Frank S. Bonham, of the Hamilton county probate court, has no interest in conducting a lonely hearts club or playing Dan Cupid.

Judge Bonham suffered a judicial headache when an Indiana man asked him in a letter to find him a good wife. The judge said, no, his court wasn't a matrimonial agency.

Newspaper publicity given to the letter, however, brought a flood of queries from interested women who wanted the man's address. The judge dumped all correspondence into the wastebasket.



Olive Barber's Letter

Our new dog, a golden Spaniel, was born in the city and, until she came to live with us, had never experienced the delights of rural living. There are times when we feel our particular bit of rural living is less delightful than it was before she was injected into it. Like when she plays tug-o-war with the still young and tender stalks of growing corn or pursues a frantic fryer. We plant our cucumbers in a depression and when watered, she takes them for ponds. She will sail into them for a swim and is not at all disappointed when she finds she can only wallow.

The horses have only a benign tolerance for her hysterical yapping at their heels but the Hereford calf goes into a panic and the infantile eyes in the white face are filled with fright. There is little of the militant in even an adult Hereford; none in a Hereford calf. The shrill vituperation of the Spaniel has sadly awakened ours to the fact that all is not sweetness and light. Yet there will come a time, or so we hope, when the calf and the dog will have many a friendly game of tag over the hillside pasture.

There is, however, one member of the farm animal family for which the dog has a wholesome respect. This is the bantam hen, Juliette. Juliette has her nest in the grass and the day the dog discovered her and made snuffy investigation I was hanging out clothes and so saw the affair from start to finish.

A bomb exploded into the face of the inquisitive Spaniel; a shrieking virago landed on the golden back of the little dog and stayed there. Round and round the yard rode the hen on her unwilling and loudly-kiying steed. Such a frenzy of activity the farm has seldom seen; not in fact since the boys were little and they and the pig, dog and cat got in a hornet's nest when picking berries.

The dog finally ran through a lilac bush and the hen was brushed off. Ever since, at the sight of Juliette the brown eyes of the dog roll in apprehension and there is a swift scuttling to safety under the house. Yes, rural life has its dangers as well as its delights for a city bred pup.

Chicago's city council has added eight housing inspectors to its health department staff and all were assigned to inspection of sub-standard housing.

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RUSSIANS THINK BORMANN, SECOND TO ADOLF, ALIVE

London, Aug. 30—(UP)—A Russian spokesman said today that Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's deputy and second most powerful man in Nazi Germany, was believed still at large.

Maj. Gen. I. Nikitchenko, Soviet Representative on the United Nations Prosecuting committee, disclosed that the Allies have dismissed reports of Bormann's death as unfounded. Speculation over Bormann's whereabouts was touched off by his inclusion last night among the 24 German war criminals ordered to trial at Nuernberg by the United States, Britain, France and Russia.

At first it was thought that his appearance on the mass indictment might mean that he already had been captured by the Allies, as have all other 23 defendants. Nikitchenko said, however, that Bormann was not in Soviet hands nor, as far as he knew, in the custody of any of the Allied powers. He pointed out, however, that the charter establishing the war crimes tribunal permitted trials in absentia.

The Soviet spokesman declined comment on why Bormann was included on the indictment list while Adolf Hitler was not. Hitler's body never has been found.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:30 Saturday afternoon. Please remember.

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