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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

This is Labor Day. It is being observed, including by many, who have never been caught at it.

For many years, it was on a par with Ground Hog Day, as far as the public was concerned.

Now it ranks with the Fourth of July, in the number of rodes and auto accidents.

More words were written and spoken about the Japanese surrender aboard the battleship Missouri, than shots fired during the war, at the Oriental foe.

The historic proceedings, definitely slipped the major arrogance out of them. They were repeatedly reminded, their conqueror, America, had yanked them out of a cave 82 years ago, and were able to ram them back into one, if they failed to behave, in the future.

None of the Imperial and infernal royal family were on deck, but the Prince Premier, called upon his subjects and constituents to "fully repent," instead of fanatically joining their ancestors. Henceforth, the little brown brother, will cooperate with the rest of the world, and do all the cooperating. He is now as fanatical for friendship, as he was for friendliness. Described by one of their spokesmen, as a "shy and timid people," they will remain that way. America will sink no more of their own battleships, to demonstrate their love of peace. There will always be an Allied cannon in the middle of their backs, and just across the narrow Sea of Japan a Russian bear, who failed to get into the war, soon enough to give them much of a hug.

JOYS OF JOURNALISM (Fort Gaines, Ga., Georgian)

"I had material for a good paper this week, but since I could sell only a few advertisements I have decided that this week anyway I would just go to press with what I already set. I apologize if your article is not in. Perhaps we will be able to get it in next week. I appreciate the cooperation of some of you have given, and I feel sorry for those of you who are so poor you cannot afford a small ad."

The army has released 29-million pounds of jam for civilian use. This is enough jam to smear the entire anatomy of every small boy on earth, instead of only the lower part of his face.

Shirts and shorts have been stolen by local clothesline, the police here. Nothing is sacred any more.

"MURDER HELD BIG MISTAKE"—(Hidline Exchange)—"It might even be listed as a " grievous error."

AMERICAN NEGRO LEADS SYMPHONY

Berlin, Sept. 3.—(U.P.)—An American Negro today for the second time was to serve as guest conductor of the Berlin philharmonic orchestra.

War Correspondent Rudolph Dunbar, who lived in New York City, will appear in a concert for allied troops only today.

Yesterday his performance received tremendous applause, and he was a definite hit with the crowd of 2,000.

Dunbar, who represents the Associated Negro Press, featured William S. Still's Afro-American symphony which was new to Europeans and Tchaikowsky's sixth symphony.

Born in British Guiana in South America, he came to New York at the age of 12 and studied under Walter Damrosch. He also studied in Leipzig and Vienna.

Back of The Headlines

By Ralph Heinzen

United Press War Analyst

Japan will take her first step towards limited democracy tomorrow (Tuesday) when the diet begins its two-day extraordinary session to prove to a suspicious world that Japan really repents for her wars of aggression and desires to live at frank peace with her betters.

The first step in Japanese redemption must necessarily be the elimination of the militarist clique from any hand in government and the substitution of a popular government by general elections. A second step must be the reform of the Japanese electoral system by the permanent elimination of the Nippon Seiji party which ruled with an iron hand and the revival of at least two and if possible an unlimited number of political parties.

Tokyo dispatches report that the two big parties, Minsei and Ssyu, which were supplanted by the Nippon Seiji, are to be revived, but if Japan is to become really democratic there must be labor and agrarian minority parties, and perhaps even the international parties, Socialist and Communist.

Japan very apparently is in for a shock when the truth of her military defeat and deficiency is told to the diet this week. Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni, although a general in the army, holds no brief for the military caste. He has announced his intention of telling the diet, hence telling the Japanese people the full story.

He will tell, for example, that 450,000 people were killed in the bomb raids, 95,000 of them alone in Horoshima in the first atom-bomb raid. That will be a shock because until now official statistics have never gone beyond a total of 200,000 casualties.

It is an interesting comparison that our air raids alone took the life of more than 3 times greater than the total number of American lives sacrificed in the whole Pacific war on all fronts. Against Tokyo's new estimates of 450,000 air raid dead, official Washington casualty reports show that the war against Japan cost the United States 22,287 lives. Of the 165,566 wounded, many returned to action. Of the 29,511 "missing," barely 6,000 have been safely recovered from Jap hellhole prison camps. It is likely that many thousands will never return alive from prison camps which were as bad as anything in Germany.

Japan's outstanding hope for democracy lies undoubtedly in her laboring masses, long exploited ruthlessly by the big-bus-

ness classes which were as ambitious for empire as were the militarists—for empire meant trade monopolies and rich resources to tap.

Until now that potential liberal core has never been effectively organized. Neither the second nor the third international ever made progress on an extensive scale in Japan, despite the fact that the Japanese worker was exploited to a greater degree than in any western country.

The greatest menace to democracy comes undeniably from the militarists. Long dominant they have been forced out of power by what they might term a palace trick. Hitherto they controlled cabinets and brought their downfall merely by juggling one general.

It was political tradition that the minister of war was a general on active duty. When the army clique wanted to overthrow a cabinet, they merely resorted to a trick—they moved the minister of war from active duty to the reserve. That brought the cabinet down.

Now however, Hirohito has made it impossible for the militarists to play that game by naming his blood relative, Prince Naruhiko to the dual post of premier and minister of war. He is an active general and he cannot be put on the retired list without gravely offending the emperor.

The Japanese militarists, tricky, ambitious, conniving, never told Japan the truth about the war. Their communiques padded our losses, minimized their own. Not only did they completely fool the Japanese people who were stunned by the emperor's proclamation of surrender, but apparently they fooled themselves.

Large armies are absolutely obsolete now. Their power, force and efficiency, except as a police force, is gone and nullified forever by the discovery of the atomic bomb.

I have admired your editorials concerning this terrible weapon. Also, your good judgment in advertising that the secret for its production be kept secret for as long as possible. For verily, if another nation were to discover the secret for its conquest, all humanity would be in danger. As the "Manchester Guardian" of Manchester, England, wrote: "We are well on the way to self destruction."

Let us hope that we can follow the good advice as expounded in your editorials and avoid self destruction. To be safe all the world ought to be under one government. Fantastic dream, maybe! But it is just possible that it will be realized in the next century, or sooner.

Sydney S. Barker, Central Point, Box 217

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 2.—Too much has already been written about the Pearl Harbor reports, but yet nothing which would establish a clear public understanding of what happened.

This is because the reports themselves are incredible. The facts offered are generally true and full, but they have been presented as if 25 lawyers and clients were shouting all at once their individual accusations and defenses in a mass trial.

For instance, War Secretary Stimson generously covers Mr. Roosevelt from blame, with evidence that the late president predicted what happened 13 and again 11 days in advance. It never entered Mr. Stimson's mind that if Mr. Roosevelt had such information or belief, and did not advise Gen. Marshall and Adm. Stark he was culpable beyond their guilt. What is the all-too-apparent fact of the matter? Mr. Roosevelt expressed many hunches and beliefs at many times, and this happened to have been one expressed twice, upon which neither he nor anyone else acted. Now this double-scintilla of evidence is magnified to create a picture which is not accurate.

THE report is all like that. Mr. Stimson says army intelligence had inside information Nov. 17 the Japs were to attack five days later, and he congratulates that service on this incorrect information which, having proved false at the time, may have led the army chiefs to be suspicious of that source and relax vigilance (if any).

The navy blames State Secretary Hull, claiming his ultimatum to the Japs Nov. 26 provoked the attack, whereas the army and navy had advised the government two weeks earlier it was not ready yet for war, as the Japs were superior. This

seems to be the common service conviction, and is in accord with the theme of all the reports in which everyone involved blames every other one except himself.

WHAT are the known (and omitted) facts about that? Usually in these matters I would grapple with the 200,000 words of the documents and then set out to find the answers, but this time it would be a waste of eye time and foot leather.

The Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, any military man will tell, could not have been organized in less than three months. The whole Jap campaign of war, as it skillfully developed against us, with perfect timing of the seizure of Guam, invasion of Manila, conquest of Singapore and invasion of the Philippines, took six months to organize and 12 months to plan.

No American official, mentioned or unmentioned, knew about this, or did anything about it. All officialdom failed. The nation was caught flatfooted and now in reports all officialdom is trying to say: "It was not I who failed, it was the other official."

IN my opinion, the Japs had been planning this war for 20 years, and the attack actively for a year, and seized the moment when we were getting deeper and deeper involved in Europe to stab us in the back. They chose the moment when our European commitments had reached such proportions we could not handle them and reached for the knife they had been whetting so long to just the precise point.

This, I am sure, will be the judgment of cool history. Yet in one election campaign, the responsibility for Pearl Harbor was successfully laid by the Rooseveltian democrats upon those who had a few years earlier voted in congress against an appropriation for Guam. Such is politics.

THE report makes at least one thing clear. Any observer reading of the superficial stories must now know why Kimmel and Short were not court-martialed and tried. They had the goods on higher-ups in Washington, and a trial would have given them the opportunity to present it.

There is no particularly inside story being handed around here on the matter, except that Mr. Truman was advised to delay the reports until the Japa-

nese occupation quieted down. Congressmen told him to hold it until occupation was complete, or publication could serve some purpose. He does not seem to be "the political timing kind," as he chose the day of occupation of Japan to do it.

Also many congressional authorities were so displeased from the outset that a joint congressional investigation seemed certain.

No investigation is needed to show Pearl Harbor was the greatest failure of the Roosevelt government—the whole government from top down (for they could not find a goat to hang it on)—and perhaps the greatest failure in American history.

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.

Opinion Changed by Atomic Bomb

To the Editor:

A few days ago a man, apparently of average intelligence, said to me: "That is all bunk about the atomic bomb. It is just too fantastic to believe."

In one of your editorials you write, "Few people yet realize the vital world-shaking significance of that event." (Discovery of the atomic bomb).

About a month ago, or a little more, you published a letter I sent you in which I strongly advocated universal military training. Since the terrible and destructive power of the atomic bomb has been revealed, I agree with you that "such training is completely meaningless."

Yet it is a human failing that when our finite minds are long trained in one direction, that is, in one groove, or special business, we are often oblivious to the significance of important events along other lines. We see this in military men, still talking about universal military training.

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Greetings From the Holloways

To the Editor:

With our subscription renewal we send our greetings to our Medford friends. We miss them all very much.

We wish to be remembered to Herb Grey and Tommy Ginn especially at the Tribune office, also Mr. Ferguson.

We notice many strange names in the paper but welcome all news of Medford and Rogue River Valley.

The grocery business is a hard task master, as always, but we can't seem to stay out of it.

Our regards to Mrs. Ruih. We hope to see some familiar Medford faces now that gasoline is unrationed.

(Mrs. Wm. A. Holloway) Georgia Holloway Phoenix Arizona, Aug. 27.

He Doesn't Trust Stalin

To the editor.—President Truman said, that the United Nations can live together without war, the same as does the U. S.

He cited a water dispute, settled peacefully, but overlooked the graver matters of slavery and aggression.

This writer is quite pessimistic about this world organization either ending war, or materially delaying the next one; because every continent still seethes with economic greed, race hatreds, corrupt politics, tricky diplomacy and clashing ideologies. World peace? Not yet.

The weakest spot in this world organization is Russia. Stalin has shown little real interest in it. He is glad, of course, to have western democracy play with the idea; but his own interest centers in his own disruptive world organization, through which he now becomes the world's No. 1 aggressor.

The weakest link in this new peace chain is the one which gives aggressor No. 1 the veto on any real move to stop aggressors.

The Manchurian and Ethiopian cases demonstrated that national self-interest was stronger than

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To Address Service Clubs



Howard Hobson, basketball coach at the University of Oregon, who will address service clubs in Medford and Ashland Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He will speak at the Rotary club meeting tomorrow, Kiwanis and Lions clubs Wednesday and at Camp White Thursday. He will also address the Ashland Lions club Tuesday evening.

national desire to stop aggressors. Now the self-interest of strong nations is legalized and reinforced by this veto power.

What more could Stalin ask? He can veto any democratic enforcement act, while his own world organization is left untempered. Our right now is contentment for our peace plan is manifest, but no one says to him, Stop! He has seized central Europe and thrown around it his wall of rigid censorship, saying, in effect, to his generous allies, "Hands off!" His idle eastern armies waited till we had Japan groggy then he rushed in, like Mussolini into France, for the kill and the grab and N. B. it is after Japan surrenders that he seizes the bulk of Manchuria, Korea, S. Sakhalin, Paramushiro, parts of China and probably Hokaido. And where Stalin's armies go, Sovietism is planted. Still no one says to aggressor No. 1 "Stop!"

Americans now boast of being "the most powerful nation on earth." Stalin says nothing, but knows well that we will not fight him.

America is rapidly demobilizing and reconverting to a peace time footing. Stalin is rapidly extending his borders and increasing his military power. Is there not some ground for pessimism? Is world democracy halting aggressor No. 1 anywhere? Is Stalin asking the democratic world what he can, or cannot do? His apparent attitude toward our world plans may be expressed by the word "piffle."

EDWIN DEACON, Talent, Ore.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS: Medford and vicinity: Clear tonight and partly cloudy Tuesday. Cooler Tuesday.

Oregon: Increasing cloudiness in western portion with light rain west of Cascades tonight, and few scattered showers in northern portion. Tuesday partly cloudy with scattered showers in north-southwest; winds off coast.

LOCAL DATA: Temperature a year ago today: Highest 94, Lowest 45. Deficiency for the month: 0.1 inches. Total precipitation since September 1, 1944: 20.41 inches. Excess for the season: 2.61 inches. Relative humidity at 5:30 p. m. yesterday: 21%; 3:30 today: 70%.

Sunrise 6:39 a. m. Sunset 7:42 p. m. Observations Taken at 4:30 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

Table with 2 columns: Location and High/Low Precipitation. Locations include Boise, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Eureka, Havre, Los Angeles, Medford, New York, Omaha, Portland, Reno, Roseburg, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Washington, D. C., and Yakima.

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the library, and action is condemned in editorial.

Rain in Cascades extinguish forest fires.

Five bandits hold up Espoo train at Redding and get \$7000.

William Von der Hellen, the Eagle Point hustler spends day in city.

BRITISH DENIAL PRINCESS TO WED GRECIAN PRINCE

London, Sept. 3.—(U.P.)—A Buckingham palace statement last night denied reports that Princess Elizabeth was engaged to 24-year-old Prince Philip of Greece, who is now serving on the staff of his uncle, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten.

On Aug. 22 palace officials were obliged to deny another report printed by the Belgian Catholic newspaper Libre Belgique which claimed that Elizabeth would wed 41-year-old Prince Regent Charles of Belgium.

In 1944 the Earl of Dalkeith, heir of the Duke of Buccleuch, and nephew of the Duchess of Gloucester, was mentioned as a possibility for Elizabeth.

The prince was 19 in April. The only official dictum on her eventual marriage was made by King George who said, like any other fond father, that when his daughter was legally old enough to marry—at 21—he would give his assent.

It was understood, however, that both the king and queen insist that when Elizabeth does marry it will be a love match and not a union of convenience.

PRESIDENT ON CRUISE Washington, Sept. 3.—(U.P.)—President Truman boarded the presidential yacht Potomac today for a Labor day cruise.

TEN YEARS AGO September 3, 1935 (It was Tuesday) Medford Corporation to resume operations September 10.

Special session of the legislature to be called by Gov. Martin in October.

League of Nations begs Mussolini and Emperor Scelassie of Ethiopia to make peace vows. II Duce defiant.

Men of relief rolls in state who refuse to work in harvests, to be cut off list.

Continued fair. High 98, low 34 degrees.

Portland beer halls have windows smashed in labor dispute.

TWENTY YEARS AGO September 3, 1925 (It was Wednesday) Prospect High School has new \$10,000 addition.

Dirigible Shenandoah crashes in storm over Oklahoma and 14 killed.

Fear navy plane lost in Pacific.

Fair High 92, low 50 degrees. Oregon farmers are prosperous; all state loans paid.

Fear pickers needed in orchards. Cars shipped to-date total 700.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO September 3, 1911 (It was Sunday) Oak tree 100 years old cut down to make room for new pub-

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