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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The President's message to Congress reads with common sense and, therefore, failed to satisfy the left-wingers. They were not promised a glorified Santa Claus, a corner lot in Utah, and a millionaire to tease.

"Wanted—Oxnard restaurant needs Scabee to wash dishes and two waitresses. Call at Coverall office." — (Port Huenne, Cal., Coverall)—Quit that crowding.

Word comes from New Mexico the bright boys of science who discovered the atomic bomb, are not so smart, as first reported. They can't find a house, to crawl into when it rains.

The rodeo brought out a great display of valley horse-flesh, equestrians, and equestriennes. Some of the juveniles rode proud, like Adam. Halsey trotting down the main street of Tokyo, on the Milkado's milk white nag.

The army has terminated contracts for ten million pounds of peanuts, and 30 million dollars worth of chewing gum. Now that it is all over, just how many GI's did you notice, during the struggle, munching peanuts and chomping gum?

NO CRAB APPLES (Merlin News)
"Johnny Apples of Grants Pass was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shepherd for several days the past week. The writer was ill abed and did not have the opportunity to ask Mr. Apples whether he was of the summer or fall variety."

V. Quisling, the Norwegian traitor, on trial as such, pleads he was patriot, and, all he did under the orders of the Nazi, was for the betterment of his native land. No Jap general, who ordered beatings for American prisoners of war, has yet claimed the beatings hurt him, worse than the prisoners.

The Governor has signed a proclamation making it legal to shoot fireworks. It has been three years, since the small boys of the state, have been able to shoot off a thumb for their country.

"Lt.-Col. Jos. K. Carson is the ideal candidate for governor of Oregon, headlines East Side Post, with a footnote qualification that 'the above is not necessarily the views of the Post.'—(Oregon voter)—Wherein, a firm squat on the political fence is taken.

S/Sgt. J. D. DeShazer, an Oregonian, who flew over Tokyo with the Doolittle raiders, and was recently rescued from a Jap prison camp, has been promoted to the rating of master sergeant. By no stretch of the imagination, can his rise be called "meteoric"—as some do.

The tenth generation of this season's dandelions are coming up victoriously on lawns sprinkled with weed exterminating fluids, and through cracks in cement sidewalks.

"The usual forest fires have been with us this summer. If they continue we may soon be out of the woods." — (Albany Democrat-Herald) — And, begging the Espee to please speed up, freight shipments of coal from Utah.

CIO IS MILITANT
Pittsburgh, Sept. 10.—U.P.—A militant drive to smash the little steel formula will get underway here when a 175-man wage policy commission of the CIO United Steelworkers meets next Tuesday.

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A Hard Job Done
One of the toughest jobs of the war was laid in the laps of a few public-spirited men who accepted appointment to draft boards throughout the nation. Now that the fighting is ended the hardest part of their task is through—sending young men to fight and maybe die on the battlefield.

IT is safe to say that every one of these thousands of volunteer draft board members drew a heavy sigh of relief when V-J Day came. All of them at various times received petty criticism and abuse, most of it unjustified. Their job was made more difficult by changing rules and directives from Washington, — necessary because of the varying requirements of the fighting forces.

Cases where boys were unable to meet physical requirements were easy. It was the borderline cases that caused most worry and annoyance. Certainly, no job ever called for a greater measure of understanding and fairness. The task was more difficult in communities such as ours because these board members were dealing with many neighbors and friends. Favoritism and partiality had to be avoided.

QUOTAS had to be met; the war had to be won. Jackson county's two selective service boards had to keep these objectives always in mind. Not only did the members work long hours without remuneration, but they had to see the names of young men who were sent into the service on the daily casualty lists. It must have been sober reading.

THE personnel of the local boards will not receive medals for distinguished service so the very least we can do is to give them a verbal "pat on the back." Here are the men who have done a thankless job so well:

Board number one: Guy Applewhite, Henry Niedermeyer and H. H. Gillette; board number two: Ernest Scott, William Hammett, Ray Pruitt, Leon Haskins and Diamond Flynn.

It seems certain at this time that selective service will continue until May 15, 1946 when the act expires. It will not be nearly as hard, however, for boards to draft men to relieve war veterans as to send them to war service.—H.G.

Colonel Young Leaves
When Col. John R. Young leaves for Camp San Luis Obispo, Tuesday, Camp White will lose an experienced and able post commander. Colonel Young succeeded Brig.-Gen. Amos Thomas as commanding officer of the local camp in June, 1944.

It was in the Philippines in 1910 that Colonel Young first had his army experience and, with the exception of a brief journalistic fling with the Press in Philadelphia, he has served in the Army since that time. His duties have taken him to many foreign lands and has included service in two wars.

CAMP White's loss is Camp San Luis Obispo's gain. This community wishes Colonel Young godspeed and success in his new assignment.—H.G.

Quarter Century of Progress
United Air Line's celebration of a quarter-century service in the field of air mail and passenger transportation brings to mind the marked progress in aviation since United's single-engine, open cockpit, 90-mile-an-hour planes started the transcontinental route.

Since 1920 there have been gigantic strides in the air. The era of daredevil barnstormers in flimsy Ryans and "Jennies" has emerged into one of safe and dependable air transportation, and the plane has become a symbol of a new age of speed and miracles. The National Safety Council's citation of United Air Lines for a billion passenger miles operated in three years without a fatal accident is just one indication of the progress in safe, sure air travel in the past two and one-half decades.

SWIFT torpedo planes, deadly dive bombers and giant B-29s and B-32s have helped to win the greatest war in history. The air arm of every fighting force is now counted upon as its most dangerous and deadly weapon. The important role of the airplane in the era of peace ahead is already assured.

UNITED Air Lines will use four-engine, 300-mile-an-hour planes to make the coast-to-coast flights in less than 10 hours. It is a far cry from the days when diminutive Pat Patterson flew the first Ryan plane on the air mail run from Medford's Newell Barber field on Sept. 15, 1926, or when Harry Crandell's Boeing carried the first air mail from Medford municipal airport, Oct. 2, 1929.

Flying since that day has changed from the "seat of the pants" type to precise, scientifically planned schedules. New safety techniques, including radar, will make future flying even more safe and certain.

AIR minded Medford people have always had a warm spot in their hearts for the United Air Lines because of the excellent air mail and passenger service afforded this community for nearly 19 years. And so, upon this 25th anniversary, this community salutes United and Manager Max Henne, who also observes his 25th year in air transportation.

MEDFORD'S strategic position on the air map of the west coast and the vision of this city's administration and Chamber of Commerce on aviation development bespeaks a bright future for air travel here.—H.G.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 10—"The most momentous session of congress in peacetime history," is what the radio voices are saying of the quiet, uneventful, dull reconvening of the seventy-ninth, after holidays, this sounds strange, with no outstanding reconvening program proposed, no peace treaties yet ready, no tax reduction in prospect, no new spectacular spending program to enliven things, as the administration is preparing to run its 60 billion dollar annual post-war spending rate down in 10 months to a tidy and permanent 25 million dollars, and needs no appropriations or legislation for this, or lend lease, or any pending matter of corresponding importance.



no one said anything momentous the first few days. Mr. Truman specifically avoided a tone of gravity or weightiness in his message. He just went whole-hog, as they would say in Missouri to the Roosevelt program. This could have been a shock to some people, but not to any reader of this column (see first two columns on Mr. Truman when he assumed office, saying he would do just this.)

The program was so well known that the news-men, who usually scurry about and get comment from congressmen on all important presidential messages, did not bother the first few hours afterward. They said they would get some later when they got around to it.

YET I think the radio voices—for another reason—were right. The unsensational and routine facial appearance of the opening and program really represents a delayed new movement of the C.I.O.-P.A.C. and leftist new deal plan to capture control of the course of government.

Every outstanding item of the congressional agenda that Mr. Truman presented or endorsed, originated in that source—without a single exception.

This session heralds the C.I.O. moving in for the pay-off on the last election, now that peace has returned. It is a pay-off always denied to a major extent under Roosevelt chiefly by congressional resistance and factional opposition within the administration. It includes the full employment plan, increased unemployment insurance, increase of minimum wage from 40 cents to 60 cents an hour, no union busting legislation (as Mr. Truman said), expanded social security, one-man management of surplus property (Roosevelt idea), no tax reduction, continued spending, fair employment practices, anti-lynching and anti-poll—and nothing else except a Pearl Harbor investigation. (The Ball-Burton-Hatch labor reform bill is awaiting a belated hearing.)

The program sounds prosaic because it hardly fits the visible facts of economic life today—the crying need for employment, the current official promises of a boom for the next 3 to 5 years, and even, politically, the impregnable prestige of the Truman administration—but that's the program.

NOW, justifiably or not, the common opinion in congress is that Mr. Truman has decided to go that way, definitely. This conclusion is natural not alone from the program but the simultaneous appointment of Ben Cohen, an original Roosevelt brain trustee, to the third ranking post in the state department (councilor) and of C.I.O.'s McKeough to the maritime commission.

All this leaves the average congressman to make a decision whether he will stick by his guns of opposition and face a fight by the C.I.O.-P.A.C. against re-election next year, or join the Washington trend. Frankly, I think most of them will stick by their guns, for several reasons. The program itself is not popular now. It has no evident full body of public opinion behind it. Furthermore C.I.O. itself is not popular or strong except financially. It is loaded with untaxable money, but nothing it has done lately has enhanced public support in the south and west or even in industrial centers outside New York city, which seems to be its psychological stronghold. Re-election for the average congressman therefore may be made easier by opposition than support.

True enough, the leading executive resistance to C.I.O. has been washed out by removal of Mr. Byrnes to the state department, where his activities are confined to foreign matters, and Messrs. Ickes and Wallace, the focal heads of C.I.O. executive representation, are to remain in the cabinet. This makes the current situation entirely different from the stalemate of the Roosevelt regime.

So I feel safe in reporting the session may well be momentous.

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New York, Sept. 10—Strictly in the interest of enlightenment and understanding, I submit some observations concerning the state of Mississippi and the city of New York.

A number of demagogic New York politicians engaged in the current mayoralty campaign, and such coveting the votes of immigrants and their children as segregated blocs, pounced on an opportunity to denounce Senator Theodore Bilbo, of Mississippi. Mr. Bilbo has not the remotest connection with this local election, but many New York politicians and potboilers, of the more or less frankly communistic papers have made political capital by denouncing him as a benighted bigot and Mississippi as a backward state.

This propaganda against Mississippi began, according to my recollection, in the early day of prohibition when most of the literate New Yorkers were given to feel an undeserved sense of superiority by the mischievous flippancies of Henry Menchen who spoke derisively of Mississippi and other states of the southern tier, as the Bible Belt. Mississippi was dry, of course, as was her right, but she exceeded her right and angered us wets in New York by presuming to dictate that we had no right to remain wet.

ABOUT THE SAME TIME, the modern Ku Klux Klan, which was a racket like many of our unions, swept the south and then moved strongly into Indiana, Ohio and New Jersey.

It exploited 100-per cent Americanism in such a bigoted and oppressive and mercenary way as to embarrass honest men and women who were 100 per cent American in their devotion to the United States but did not subscribe to the persecution of Jews, Catholics, Negroes and persons born abroad. So here was more propaganda against Mississippi.

HOWEVER AS AMERICANS, the people of Mississippi owe no apologies to the residents of the city of New York. She has, to be sure, her illiterates, but so have we and our vaunted public school system is such that in some schools we have had not mere childish mischief but serious crime, including killings, even by little girls and many neighborhoods are terrorized by young gangs.

If Mississippi has slum areas, New York's are worse and with less excuse because Mississippi is a cotton, yam and watermelon state whereas New York has great foreign commerce and a great manufacturing business and we draw millions of dollars from all the other states by our hotel and amusement business.

The voluntary enlistment rate for our last two wars has been notably high in the southern or benighted states, including Mississippi. I cannot discuss her general crime rate but if it were spectacular we would have heard about that, whereas all New Yorkers know that there are some sections of the city in which a stranger strays at night only at the risk of his life, notwithstanding a force of 19,000 policemen.

IN PATRONIZING Mississippi and in expressing contempt for her people because of the quality of her statesmen in congress, New Yorkers have deceived themselves. It would be wiser to consider the quality of New York's political leaders or bosses.

My acquaintance with Mississippi is sufficient to remind me that New York is rash to invite honest comparisons. And my knowledge of these New York politicians reminds me that their skill in exploiting bigotry for votes is not inferior to that of Bilbo and Rankin.

PLAN TOURIST ADS
Salem, Ore., Sept. 10.—U.P.—The state highway department advisory committee and the state tourist promotion committee will meet in Portland Sept. 17 to plan a coordinated advertising program to attract out-of-state visitors to Oregon, Gov. Earl Snell said today.

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

TEN YEARS AGO
September 10, 1935
Sen. Huey Long, of Louisiana dies of assassin's bullet.

Italy calls more men to colors. World watches British and Italian fleet movements in Mediterranean.

Nazis oust Jewish students from German schools.

Jim Farley flays New Deal critics; Harry Hopkins and Secretary Ickes fuss over work relief control.

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