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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The future was never darker. H. G. Wells, British author, says

"The world is at the end of its tether," and the "Crack of doom

nears . . . with no way out, around or through it."

On top of this, Paul Mallon, columnist, predicts an "economic hell" with everybody starving

is just around the corner. It was a great world while it lasted.

The first signs of Christmas have shown up. The small boy element (four to six) have started

advising fond Paps they want Santa Claus to bring them a football—the kind the big boys use.

"Two of those 'hats' the ladies wear got tangled up and had to be removed before they could be separated.

It occurred to us that they might be mounted and hung over the mantel just like a couple of locked antlers to show to all comers."

(Maxine Buren in Salem Statesman.)—Madame, in your younger days did you ever get your hair-net caught on a beau's coat button?

What this neck of the weeds needs is a rain that will leave the ground soaked and soggy like the Klamath Falls football field for "The game of the year."

There are capitalistic rumors flashing around Europe that Premier Stalin of Russia has a "bad heart," medically speaking, and is not long for this world.

There are also reports Josef will relinquish a number of official positions. This will be no great sacrifice, as he is everything but postmaster at Moscow.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES (Kansas City Star) "Paul Jones says he is having a sign printed for his Lyons News office, reading: 'Don't abuse the editor, you may be crazy yourself some day.'"

The wood that should have been cut last August while trying to catch a fish was not in the woodshed this morning. This lack of preparedness caused any number of piscatorial enthusiasts to look at their friendly fireplaces and shiver.

Astronomers report the discovery of a nest of 300 billion stars in the general direction of the Milky Way. As there is already a surplus of stars and no need for 300 billion more, the public should take this news calmly.

"MORE VIOLETS DUE IN MOVIE STRIKE."—(Hdline Exchange.)—They turned out to be a tender brickbat.

Excuses are now offered by Washington for not removing butter rationing. The excuses are as thin as the butter is cut.

ENTIRELY TOO HUMAN "Mr. Truman shoots from the hip too often—without taking careful aim. He sometimes issues statements on vital subjects without adequate study of the issues involved. He has surrounded himself with Missouri cronies who are 'good guys' and loyal friends, but men with extremely limited backgrounds and little or no experience in government. His longing to prove that his rise from haberdashery clerk to President of the United States has not interfered with his being a 'regular fellow' is certainly not objectionable in itself, but does lead to some curious conduct for a President."

(The Progressive).

Eight southwestern states spent an average of \$8.43 per capita in 1941 for state highway maintenance.

Panama Canal Padlock

Whether wartime leases to the United States of two Ecuadorian land sites, maintained by Uncle Sam as defense bases since 1942, will be extended into an era of peace will be considered at a special session of Ecuador's congress in November. The bases are at Salinas, on Ecuador's Santa Elena peninsula, and on one of the smaller islands of the South American republic's Galapagos group, 600 miles westward in the Pacific.

Current dispatches point out the strategic military position of both sites. Suitable locations for naval stations to serve in the defense of the Panama Canal are scarce on the Pacific side compared to the many on the Atlantic side of the canal. The Ecuadorian sites are among the best of the few available.

THE Santa Elena peninsula forms Ecuador's westernmost mainland tip, jutting westward at the southern end of the republic's coast, says the National Geographic Society. It is 800 air miles southward from the Panama Canal, 160 miles south of the Equator and 75 miles by rail west of Guayaquil, Ecuador's chief port.

Salt, sulphur and pitch are taken from the ground around Salinas, long popular as an ocean resort town. Enough petroleum to meet Ecuador's needs has been extracted and refined in the region in the past two decades. The climate is pleasant through the latter half of each year, but humid and enervating from January to May. Indian tribes people the land, which is barren and desertlike in comparison with the moist, equatorial forests close by to the north.

THE Galapagos islands ride the Equator 950 air miles southwest of the Panama Canal. Covering a total area about half that of Connecticut, they number five principal islands and numerous others, tapering in size down to mere pin-points of rock. Volcanic in origin, they range to one mile in height and provide many, well-sheltered anchorages. Isabella (Albemarle) Island, on the west, holds half of the group's area. San Cristobal (Chatham) Island, on the east, is the seat of Ecuador's governing officials. The population, farmers and fishermen, number less than one per square mile.

Known for centuries as the haunt of buccaners, the islands gained fame as a paradise for naturalists after Charles Darwin published "The Origin of Species." Darwin had visited the Galapagos group for five weeks in 1835, at the age of 22, and had thoroughly catalogued its animal and marine life.

DARWIN noted the giant tortoises which give the group its present name. Observing differences from mainland species in the Galapagos birds, lizards, insects, plants and fishes, he was aroused to the revolutionary conclusions of his famous book, published many years later.

Not until the Panama Canal loomed as a reality were the islands seen to have possible importance in western hemisphere defense—an idea universally conceded by the course of events from 1941 to 1945.—N.G.S.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

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Please, God, send him home safely. To share part of this house filled with memories overflowing it seems each little corner all filled with our dreams. Our wishes come true. So bring him home safely. My faith is in you. —Elena Austin.

(Husband of the author of above is still overseas with the U. S. army occupation forces.)

Queries from clients. Q. The reason men write the most popular songs is because they are not as sentimental as women. Men grind out love songs mechanically and with no feeling. Surely, you do not believe Irving Berlin felt each of his compositions. A. You certainly picked the wrong man to prove your point. When Irving Berlin wrote "When I Lost You" and "Always" those songs came straight from the heart. Q. Very often when I tip my hat to a female acquaintance I get no response from her escort. Has the custom of tipping your hat to a lady become old-fashioned? A. Not at all, sir. Pay no attention to the boorish guys who are too lazy to acknowledge your courteous gesture. Keep right on being the little gentleman your mother taught you to be. Q. Why is it you practically never mention the brown-haired girls or should I say the brown-ettes? A. An unforgivable oversight. What more can I say when I say that I am sorry. Our Horses & Women's Department has been ordered to immediately engage upon extensive research as to the care, character and handling of brownettes. Look for the first report in an early issue.

Asides "You say Grace Moore sang 'All Alone on the Telephone' in the music box revue," writes a New Yorker. "The title of that song is 'All Alone by the Telephone.' One stogie please." Wrapped carefully, of course. . . . In 1895 in Shandon, Calif., twin brothers, Hillis and Willis Truesdale, married twin sisters, Nora and Zora Grainger. Both couples recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries. So it would seem twin brothers marrying twin sisters might be a good idea.

Argument A husband and wife of Toledo

are arguing as to what time women stopped wearing black stockings and took to wearing stockings of beige and kindred colors. The husband says "around 1915" the wife says "around 1910." Our Horses & Women Department is asked to settle this argument. A hosiery manufacturer queried says that "around 1915" is right. So the husband wins. He must be a very observing fellow.

Goldfish Are goldfish affectionate? Do they wag their tails in recognition of their owner? Nobody has asked me those questions yet but if and when they do I have the answers. A Californian says she has two twelve year old goldfish who gaze at her lovingly when she approaches the bowl and "swish" their tails as a greeting. Old Custom

An old European custom was for single men and women having a desire to marry to wear a ring on the first finger of the left hand. Those who wished to indicate they were single but not interested in marriage wore a ring on the little finger of the left hand. There might be an idea there for the We Wanna Get Married club of Pittsburgh. On the other hand a girl who wore the ring in a way to indicate she didn't want to get married might inspire the most male interest. A man who wore a ring indicating he did want to get married might be injured in a stampede of anxious females. A bachelor wearing a ring indicating he didn't want to get married would so annoy some of the better looking women they would try to make him fall in love with them just for the pleasure of turning him down.

TAVORISH! Berlin, Oct. 23—(U.P.)—T/Sgt. Georg Myers of Fairbanks, Alaska, reported today that a Russian military policeman smashed his camera while he was taking pictures in the Soviet zone of Berlin near the Unter Den Linden. Myers, a correspondent for Yank Magazine, said the Russian shouted something in Russian as he seized the camera and hurled it against a brick wall.

POWS SKIP St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 23—(U.P.) Two German prisoners of war were at large today after escaping from their Chesterfield, Mo., camp. They left a note explaining, "Who doesn't risk can't win." The FBI said the Germans, Joseph Swoboda, 30 and Michele Kunz, 27, were first missed at roll call yesterday.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 23—My bare mention of the campaign of selfish-professed liberal leaders to abolish the industry of commercial domestic science in the brave new world brought a ton of letters from both sides—the housewives and the domestics. The domestics who wrote me rather agreed with the liberal pretense that such work was—as a leading national weekly wrote it—"beneath the personality" of the individual.



Paul Mallon

NOW, my column deals only with major events, the inside on the economic, political and international news of the hour, and some may say the proposed abolition of the industry is not a fit subject for me to delve into. Frankly, I know of nothing more important than the art of living, and a proposal to abolish it is more important to every human being than what the senate will do with taxes.

Whether you work at a machine or a desk, you have a home and the conditions under which you live in it are as vital as life itself.

Dignity? What is more dignified than a clean, well-kept, comfortable home? What service contributes more to humanity than those services which contribute to the joy of living?

Personality? What personality is more respected and loved in this world than that of a smiling, genial, friendly human being in whatever walk of life?

WHAT art contributes more to the happiness of the individual than the art of cooking? I am only interested when these nonsense peddlers propose their funny business in economics, politics and world affairs, but when they propose to abolish cooking they get me riled.

What do they eat? No doubt vitamin pills and bicarbonate of soda, as I have heard one of them say. They do not know the dignity of a well-cooked steak over a charcoal broiler, one about two inches thick, not rare, just slightly pink in the middle, flavored when done with a little butter and pepper and salt.

What breathes more personality into the human soul than a roast turkey, done so the juice spurts when you stick the fork into the crisp browned skin. A pheasant stuffed with onions, carefully basted? Why, even the lowly beef stew has great personality.

But few people can do it right. As a matter of fact few can do any of these things well, so far have we been led away from the Elysian field of the kitchen by propaganda pipers and prevaricators. The best stew I get is what I make myself, and the next best is in a one-arm restaurant, where the cook is better on the subject of beef stew than the fancy cooks of the high-priced hotels.

Cooking is not beneath the dignity of anyone's personality. I do not care how great he or she may be, and I include the doorman of the Savoy hotel in London whose dignity surpasseth anything I have seen, including the United States supreme court.

WHY, then, do these fake liberals propose to abolish the art of living, by repudiating its plain social significance? The first answer which probably would occur to anyone is that they are nuts—more than that, they are just plain nuts. They are obsessed, like the communists with whom they fraternize, with only one ideal of life—politics.

They see nothing more in human existence. There must be no joke which does not convey a political meaning, no stage play or movie without political propaganda significance, and now they have put politics into the home.

They are trying to convince every maid, cook and servant that such work is beneath them in order to make them rebellious against their jobs. If there is one thing which will ruin any man on any job, it is his conversion to the theory that the work is beneath him. He cannot do the job justice, and he cannot have happiness in his work. He ruins both the pleasure of living and the work he is doing.

Of all the political bunk worked off on these United States as valid liberalism and forward-looking progress, this effort to mislead public thought is the most stupid.

Nothing is more horrible than a forest fire, rushing pell-mell through green, verdant forests, killing deer and game as it goes.

ROBES that have so many uses. Magnificent Karakul Robes. Five beautiful colors to choose from. Banquet Room, Holland Hotel. 10 a.m. till 9 p.m.

JAPS FACE HARD WINTER WITHOUT ADEQUATE FOOD

Inflation and Black Market Threatens to Bring Mass Starvation to Hungry Nips

By Miles W. Vaughn United Press Correspondent

Tokyo, Oct. 23—(U.P.)—The Japanese people have been caught up in a whirlwind of inflation and black marketeering that threatens to plunge them into mass starvation this winter.

It is a whirlwind of their own sowing, brought on by four fantastic years of trying to fight a war without adequate control of prices and supplies on the home front.

When the war ended, the general cost of living was 20 times as high as it was on Pearl Harbor day, and the situation now is rapidly approaching a crisis.

Today, the people are trying frantically to unload their hoarded Japanese currency in exchange for almost any kind of goods—mostly on the black market.

Exchange Sought Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters repeatedly has urged the allied governments to establish some fixed exchange rate for the yen to give it a stabilized value in relation to the American dollar and the British pound sterling.

The Shidehara government, too, is trying to alleviate the situation by providing more consumer goods in the hope of lessening the inflationary gap between supply and demand.

MacArthur's spokesmen admit it may be difficult to decide what the yen is worth, since Japan's true economic position cannot even be approximated, but they insist some value must be established soon to enable the Japanese to buy rice and other food from Korea, Indo-China and Formosa. If foodstuffs cannot be imported from those areas, the people of Japan will come perilously close to starvation this winter.

Bonds To Be Sold The government's anti-inflation program calls for the sale of Japanese government bonds to soak up as much of the people's surplus cash as possible, plus heavy imports of food from abroad. The latter program, it is hoped, will frighten Japanese farmers into relinquishing much of the food they have been hoarding in anticipation of still higher prices.

Indicative of the present situation is the fact that the nation's number-one food staple, rice, is selling on the black market for 17 yen per pound—\$4.25 at pre-war exchange rates, compared with a Pearl Harbor price of less than four cents a pound.

Sugar has been unheard of for two years, although there are some black-market operators who will agree to try to get some at something like \$40 a pound.

Shoes \$125 Pair Shoes never were rationed in Japan, with the result that the cheapest grades were available on the black market at 500 yen per pair—\$125.

To this observer, who lived in Japan for years before the war and has had ample experience in the complexities of operating a household here, it is obvious that most Japanese city dwellers are not getting enough food to maintain their health.

I questioned a bank clerk, whom I knew before Pearl Harbor, about that phase of the problem. He said he was earning 500 yen a month, which would have been a relatively high salary in pre-war years, but now is barely keeping himself, his wife and two children alive.

Governmental bungling of the rationing system, which the Japanese agree could not have been much worse, has been corrected to a considerable degree since the war ended. But any rationing system will prove difficult to operate under existing conditions, because of the lack of transportation and proper distribution outlets.

Transportation Shy The transportation shortage alone is causing huge stocks of sweet potatoes to rot in some regions while the rest of the country is starving for this favorite vegetable.

The government has been forced, to a large extent, to ignore the black-marketeering.

Big business firms, in order to save their employees time and trouble, operate regular black market bureaus which buy food, clothing and other essentials wherever they are available. Then they are distributed among the firm's employees at cost.

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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 October 23, 1935 (It Was Wednesday)

Roosevelt lands at Charleston, S. C., after fishing trip on cruiser, and told "prosperity gains in nation."

Fair and slightly warmer, High 62, low 31 degrees. Black Tornado to play Salem high Saturday.

Crater Lake bears raid park home in search of food. Rogue River fish bill bobs at special legislative session.

Price of hogs drops to \$9.85 per hundred on Portland market.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY October 23, 1925 League of Nations orders Greece and Bulgaria to cease hostilities.

Col. William Mitchell, formally charged with conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline for his attack on air service.

Fair, high 78, low 29 degrees. Three new homes spring up in Willow Springs district.

Prospect high to have new gym for basketball.

THIRTY FOUR YEARS AGO October 23, 1911 (It Was Monday)

William J. Bryan's name to be on Oregon ballot in primary election.

"The Travelling Salesman" at Opera House Wednesday night.

New Josephine hotel is opened at Grants Pass. Suit filed to block sale of Good Roads bonds by county.

France Debarkation Camp Sorry Place; Claim of Soldiers

Boston, Oct. 23—(U.P.)—Soldiers who arrived here aboard the SS Sea Nip yesterday said today that Camp Lucky Strike at Le Havre, France, is a "sorry place where 65,000 soldiers are sweating it out in army tents waiting at least three months for a ship home."

Conditions were described as "very uncomfortable" with only three theaters accommodating 1,500 each while it takes 45 minutes to get a cup of coffee.

The SS A. P. Hill docked yesterday from Antwerp with 626 miscellaneous army personnel.

AUSTRIA TO WAIT Washington, Oct. 23—(U.P.)—Full U. S. recognition of Dr. Karl Renner's provisional government in Austria will be withheld until it completes Austria's first postwar national elections.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS Medford and vicinity Clear tonight and Wednesday. Slightly warmer afternoons.

Oregon: Clear tonight and Wednesday but partly cloudy in north portion. Slightly warmer afternoon and also in northwest portion tonight. Gentle east wind off coast.

LOCAL DATA Temperature a year ago today: Highest 79, lowest 43. Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 95 inches.

Deficiency for the month 40 inches. Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 95 inches.

Deficiency for the season 39 inches. Relative humidity at 4:30 p.m. yesterday 53% 4:30 today 100%.

Sunrise 6:34 a.m. Sunset 5:16 p.m. Observation taken at 4:30 a.m. 120 Meridian time

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ATOMIC PROBLEM IS MAJOR ISSUE; MORSE DECLARES

Washington, Oct. 23—(U.P.)—The senate voted today to set up a special 11-man senate committee to handle atomic energy, which Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., described as the greatest problem congress will face in the next 100 years.

The committee was directed "to make a full, complete and continuing study and investigation with respect to problems relating to the development, use and control of atomic energy."

Passage came on a voice vote after the senators decided, 45 to 27, to increase the committee membership from nine to 11. An 18-member committee had been suggested by Sen. Joseph H. Ball, R., Minn., but at the suggestion of Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., the senate compromised on 11.

Morse said atomic legislation "is the most important congress will handle in the next century."

"The use of the atomic bomb by the United States and our discussion of it has stirred up worldwide suspicion about our intentions," he said. "Those suspicions are not well founded. We are going to live up to the San Francisco charter, but we have got to act quickly."

Earlier President Truman was urged to call a world conference to prevent through an international control group a "mad race in atomic armament."

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Don't miss the Big Blanket Sale now going on in the Banquet Room at the Holland Hotel. Open till 9 p. m.

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