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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Everybody is feeling sorry for the President, much as they feel sorry for Finland, also honest and sincere, but unable to do anything much about it.

He is caught on a merry-go-round of circumstances, with bureaucrats sniping at each other and hitting him.

Commentators are scaring the daylight out of jittery portion of the population with dark tales anent the atomic bomb.

Twenty years ago the "Charleston" dance was slowly but surely putting the kibosh on civilization.

The winter is well along. As yet no upstate nirod has mistaken January for October and shot a fat steer for a deer.

A firebug has made ten attempts to burn down Vanport, a Portland housing project. He should do well next summer when the forest fire season starts.

Japan does not like Gen. MacArthur's purge of war lords. As generally understood this was the original intention.

Many of the Older Girls view the reputed and reported butter shortage as an aid to the "wasp waist", due to be a fashionable caper come spring. Butter is supposed to be fattening. Another more realistic school of thought, argues the butter lack will make the disposition waspish, and leave the waist as is.

WHAT MILLIONS THINK (Siskiyou News)

"There are times when your correspondent fears the U.S.A. is becoming a nation like Germany was in blind acceptance of regimentation and the willingness to be kicked around by anybody with a two-bit title."

Warfare of the future could well mean annihilation of populations by sound waves, according to Gen. Kenney, in a magazine article. A radio soprano, squealing feverishly as they do now in all important broadcasts, would render the idea obsolete before she got to the chorus, Gen. Kenney's idea would be the more humane.

Jackson K. Frost, a refrigeration expert, is still hereabouts exhibiting his skill and outdoor decorative ability.

A meat famine now threatens the nation. This should be a great help to Congressmen endorsed for re-election by the CIO and bring out sides of pork hoarded in cold storage lockers since Pearl Harbor.

School rooms of the nation are congested. Experts have pondered, but found no solution. Some relief is expected in the spring when the big boys start playing "hookey."

BOUQUET FOR MADAM

"That was yesterday. Let's take a look at this peace-on-earth world of today. It's right here, and it's post-war, and it's in our lap. And in the driver's seat of the Department of Labor there's a great big strong man. Quite aside from his mateness, he was just right for the job because he was presumed to have the judicial type of mind, the ability to look both ways at once, like Janus. A judge has got to have that or he's just a politician."

(Woodlawn (Cal.) Democrat.)

Early experimenters explained hypnotism in terms of a mysterious fluid moving from the hypnotist to the subject.

The Achilles Heel

Iran will appeal to the United Nations in London to settle her differences with Russia over Azerbaijan, Russia, always acting on the principle a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, recently staged a revolution in that province which has virtually given the Kremlin complete political control. Naturally Iran doesn't like this. No independent and self-respecting country would. But what can she do about it?

VERY little, we fear, as long as the one-nation veto remains in the league's constitution and bye-laws. For Russia can refuse to join in any approval of council action and that will be that. Nothing,—at least nothing of any importance,—can be done without Russia's sanction.

SUCH a problem would be perfectly adapted to judicial determination by the new World Court. But there too, as a party to the action, Russia could merely state she did not choose to litigate, and that would also be that.

WE are glad Iran has decided to take this formal action. Nothing of importance can be done,—for the present at least.

But it WILL bring into sharp relief this vital defect in the peace-league as now constituted, and the imperative need of an amendment eliminating the one nation veto.—R.W.R.

Another World War?

Will this failure by the UNO to act eventually mean another world war? It might. But not now,—not in the near future either.

For Russia doesn't want any more war; and Iran couldn't fight a war if she did.

Yet this situation, under normal conditions, might very well mean World War No. III. For there is no doubt England is supporting Iran diplomatically, and if England wanted war,—was in any condition to wage war,—there would probably be a show of force in the Near East.

And that might prove the fatal spark applied to the powder-keg,—were there any powder-keg in existence.

BUT fortunately there is no powder-keg. This is not to the credit of Russia, or Iran, or the UNO, but simply and solely to world exhaustion.

Indeed, this fact is undoubtedly responsible for Russia's high-powered and ruthless post-war foreign policy.

RUSSIA realizes no nation, or group of nations, will fight her at the present time, no matter what she does along her own borders.

So why not take advantage of this situation and make hay while the sun shines all the way from the Baltic to Vladivostok?

Why not indeed! Russia has always wanted a "cordon-sanitaire" of her own. Now is the psychological time to get it.

AND Russia, in all likelihood, is going to get it. The league assembly might rebuke Russia for her aggressive, high-handed methods, but with the Russian veto still there, there could in the council be no league ACTION.

And such a rebuke under prevailing conditions might do more harm than good,—might even result in Russia's withdrawal from the UNO, which in all likelihood would result in a league of nations against her. An outcome not conducive to peace exactly!

SO this question, like many others, has more than one side. But there is only one side to the contention that if the UNO is ever to be an EFFECTIVE force for world peace or the world court either that one-nation veto must be knocked into the middle of next week.—R.W.R.

The Worm Will Turn

Messrs. Lewis, Murray, Green, Reuther, Petrillo, et al, might, with profit, read the history of the British labor party following the first World War.

Then, too, organized labor started out to get theirs while the getting was good. Finally, British labor went all-out in a "general strike" which tied up the tight little isle completely. Transportation was paralyzed, food became scarce, with few milk deliveries, young children and babies suffered especially. Conditions in short, became unendurable. And at long last the British people got up on their hind legs and kicked the labor leaders, and eventually the labor government, out.

It took a World War and close to a quarter of a century of exile, to bring them back,—and there is nothing more certain than this: if they try to repeat any of their performances of 25 years ago, they won't stay long! Doughty old John Bull, labor government or no labor government, won't stand any class dictatorship regardless of the source.—R.W.R.

War Assets Corp. Takes Over Sale Surplus Property

Washington, Jan. 17 — (U.P.) — The War Assets Corp. tomorrow takes over disposal of all surplus property assigned for sale through the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

The corporation was set up as a subsidiary of the RFC a month ago. It is headed by Lt. Gen. Edmund B. Gregory, former army quartermaster general, and consumers' goods division of the RFC.

Gregory said his new organization will seek to expedite the sale of billions of dollars of surplus property which the government now has on its hands or will have as the army and other services continue to make it available for disposal.

Life insurance companies now have more than \$4,000,000,000 invested in mortgages covering homes and housing for American families, an all-time peak for such financing aid.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

I love the stars like friends; So many nights I gazed at them, When you were far from me, Till I grew blind with tears, Those far-off lights, could watch you, Whom I longed in vain to see.—Adelaide Anne Procter.

Remember the song "Just A Cottage Small By A Waterfall"? Do you recall the ditties titled "Brown Eyes, Why Are You Blue" and "In A Little Spanish Town" and "Pal of My Cradle Days"? And how about "Don't Bring Lulu"? Remember Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush," Lou Chaney in "Unholy Three" and Harold Lloyd in "The Freshman"? Did you see Marilyn Miller in the stage musical "Sunny" or Katherine Cornell in "The Green Hat"?

Do you remember when Beau Geste by Percival Wren, The Constant Nymph by Margaret Kennedy and "An American Tragedy" were best sellers? All these songs, films, plays and books were popular over 20 years ago. Seems like the day before yesterday to me. That fifth of a century certainly passed fast. "Time marches on" is another of those masterpieces of understatement.

The old boy who said "tempus fugit" had it exactly right: How old were you in 1925. How old will you be in 1971? There won't be anything particularly unusual about my age in the latter year but think how proud I will be of my dog. He will then be 31 years old and probably the oldest and healthiest black and white Springer Spaniel in the country.

Norma Terris. Versatile and vivacious vocalist. Played part of Magnolia in the original production of "Show Boat." Is one of the many stage and screen stars happily married to doctors. Seems the doctors have what it takes to handle actresses as wives.

Our Horses & Women experts have been trying to get details as to how doctors handle stage star wives but the medics won't talk. We almost had Dr. F. D. Griffin, Irene Dunne's husband, in a mood to talk on this subject but at the last moment he backed out. Our experience with Dr. Joel Pressman, Claudette Colbert's husband, was about the same. He was going to give us the inside stuff on handling actress wives when he suddenly thought better of it.

When appraising a man's appearance on first acquaintance women first notice his good points. When meeting another woman for the first time the average female makes a note of her bad points. It is remarkable how many details of another person's appearance a woman can take in at a glance. One thing women never fail to note quickly is the color of eyes. Men pay little attention to this detail. Few male executives employing female secretaries could tell you offhand the color of their eyes. Many a married man doesn't even know for certain what the color of his wife's eyes are.

Queries from clients: Q. How often should a man shave? What do you think of a husband who shaves but once in three days? A. Some men have very sensitive skins and shaving, to them is painful. That may be the case with the husband in question. However, if a man does not have a sensitive skin or a stubborn beard neglecting to shave daily is about the same as going around with an unwashed face.

Mules & Men "What's all this talk about henpecked husbands?" asks a Chicago subscriber. "How about the poor rooster-pecked wives who are 100 per cent dominated by husbands with a boss complex? What this country needs is a good wives protective association. If the married girls really got together and talked things over we might get some good ideas on how to handle husbands with a boss complex. Right now the only thing I can think of is to hit mine with a baseball bat. That is hit him in the shins. I wouldn't want to hit

my husband in the head and break my son's bat!" Almost Confidential

The name of the state treasurer of Texas is Jesse James. The Dartmouth university hockey team won 46 straight games. Can you name a team that can match that winning streak in any college or professional sport? . . . In normal times the average life of a New York city taxicab is 100,000 miles. There are now on the Manhattan streets many taxicabs that have a mileage of over 350,000 miles. Horses & Women

"After four years of married life, my wife still blushes when I give her an unexpected kiss. Is that unusual?" writes a Chicagoan. According to our Horses & Women department this is a very unusual case. Women who can still blush after one year of marriage are extremely rare. Recently we had a report from a Champaign, Ill., husband, who had seen his wife blush though she had been married two years. However, what made this lady blush was the story she had used as an excuse for getting out of going to a neighbor's house to play bridge.

As to the youngest mother with a son in the armed forces during World War II Mrs. Andrew Billings of Brookline, Mass., was 34 years of age when her son joined the armed forces. Mrs. Martha J. Crockett, Baltimore, at 35 had two sons in the marines.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 17 — Maybe you will say I am crazy, but it's a fact—when congress left here for Christmas, President Truman's proposal for fact-finding and cooling off on strikes was being scuttled by the C. I. O. new dealing congressmen.



Senator Byrd would require them to incorporate, file their figures with the securities and exchange commission as business must do and thus assume the same legal responsibilities for damages, contracts, etc. The Bailey amendment would kill the closed shop, kill political activities and otherwise go deeper into union curbs; while the Luce plan for profit sharing is only a proposal for a congressional investigation of same, as the government can do nothing effective about it.

THE silent, perplexed bulk of congress, conversely, is showing unmistakable signs that the Truman solution has lost ground outside the labor groups during the recess. Behind this Christmas double miracle of politics lay a plain, unanswerable disclosure of the fact-roots of the labor-management issue. Since Christmas C. I. O. has reversed itself in the General Motors case, and accepted the 17.5 per cent price rise which the fact-finding proposed, but the company turned against the plan when Mr. Truman's fact-finders wanted to let the union in on their private business profits secrets (whatever these may be, beyond the filed public records).

This new opposition to fact-finding has not been vociferous in announcing or explaining its position, at least in congress. My information on this turn is based on two points particularly: (a) The president, amenable to political influences, of which the unions are most potent, can appoint anyone he chooses in particular cases and thus assure just about the results he wants,

and (b) such a system will work the union way inevitably by disclosing company financial secrets to the union but no union financial secrets to the company.

Thus when you arrive at these root-facts of the matter, you can plainly see the difficulties of establishing a fair or effective solution of a national crisis. The same solution, which was "slavery" to labor three weeks ago, has become "meatballs" to some extent today. Labor has not lost a fact-finding case, a congressman who went into the matter tells me.

The judicial basis of fact-finding (the railroad brotherhood's experience of 13 years of just, amicable, settlements with only one strike), therefore, is losing ground.

What then? Well, it appears if anything at all is done a fact-finding program will be enacted, but amendments are threatened, the nature of which are not acceptable to labor. Thus labor is still, stalling the Truman plan.

STILL threatening are the amendments predicted in this column published Dec. 20, for preventing political domination by unions, preventing the breaking of contracts at will and steps to establish union responsibility otherwise commensurate with its power.

These steps may go much further when the debate starts. Certainly the fight for them will be harder than three weeks ago.

On the other hand settlement of these major strikes before the voting day would ease the existing pressure for action to some extent and might encourage congress to duck the whole labor issue again.

This is more reason for stalling in the meantime.

WHAT has become apparent to most citizens as well as congressmen in the strike news since Christmas is that fact-finding as it stands has not solved the strike problem. The Truman advocates may say it would if they had legislation behind them, but the unwillingness of General Motors to do what the legislation proposes hardly justifies this expectation.

As a matter of fact the evidence shows quite clearly fact-finding will not settle any strikes unless both sides agree. When you get down to fundaments, it would not change labor's position in any respect, or management's. The only proposal which would seem to do this fairly (without impairing the just rights of unions) is the Byrd proposal to put the unions on the same legal level as corporations by making them corporations.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must show name and address of the writer although the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permitted. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Liberate Liberators

To the editor: Following is a clipping taken from the army's Yank magazine and sent to me by a friend who is now stationed in Korea. "This is the thirteenth day of American occupation of Korea,

and all our movements so far have been from school building to school building. Otherwise we are located up behind walls. The natives stand and gape and cannot understand. Neither can anyone else. Of course, this applies only to enlisted men.

"The officers are having nightly parties with entertainment provided by Korean dancing girls. Our food is worse than we ever had—canned rations. Now school is about to start and we are about to move into tents. Not one word of explanation, not one syllable of excuse has been given to the boys who on convenient occasions are called the flower of American manhood. Is it that we cannot be trusted on the streets?"

"We are not permitted to spend American money, nor are we given Korean money. The question of thousands of American soldiers in Korea is this: 'We have risked our lives, suffered and starved to end this war. Now it is over. We have liberated the Koreans, but who will liberate the liberators?'"

N. Williams Ashland, Oregon.

Hullabaloo

To the editor: The following comment by Captain Henry Samson, U. S. N., was forwarded from Okinawa by Col. Howard E. King to his parents, the undersigned:

"I have noted with great interest the hullabaloo caused by the proposed merger of the armed services. It seems to me that the obvious solution has been neglected. If the army is serious (which we of course assume) in its desire for a unified command, the obvious solution is to have the Marine Corps absorb the army."

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. King 211 North Oakdale Ave.

Ski and Let Ski

To the editor: This is a subject perhaps just a few are interested in, but to that few it is really important.

Why is it the true skiers of this community get absolutely no cooperation or courtesy from the public? Other sports not half so thrilling or healthful at least get some respect! Now that Crater Lake is closed the skiers from Camp White and community are confined to one small hill at Union Creek. Weather and work permitting we get one Sunday a week to ski. We spend half the day packing and getting the hill in shape. For our labor, if we are lucky, we get about four hours to enjoy it.

And then during the week what happens? Some individuals with a sno-cat used the ski hill as a testing ground. Of all the hills around Union Creek they USED THE SKI HILL, the only available ski slope in southwestern Oregon!

Also, people don't take shovels and dig huge holes in a golf course, why do they insist on leaving those awful "fox holes" on the ski hill? Filling and stamping those holes when the snow is soft isn't much of a job but to the Sunday skier, after a thaw and good freeze it's an impossibility.

Please, people, if you believe in "live and let live" believe in ski and let ski!

We have obstacles enough in mastering the boards without any added booby traps.

A Skier, GEORGIA McKILLOP, Prospect, Ore.

AIDS ANIMALS TOO

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jan. 17 (U.P.) — Disease losses among American livestock will be lessened greatly by use of the wonder drug, penicillin, members of the California Veterinary Medical Assn. learned today. This and other aids to animal health will contribute to greater prosperity among American livestock producers in insuring healthy animals, Dr. E. C. Baxter, Los Angeles, president, told the association yesterday.

Flight o' Time

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TEN YEARS AGO

January 17, 1936 (It Was Friday) Lincoln Ellsworth, Anarctic explorer, found alive in icy wastes after long silence.

Business picks up throughout the nation.

First sunny day of month cheers people, a after record breaking rainfall.

King George of England near death from heart affliction.

Senate to vote on soldier bonus payments next Monday.

Medford high defeats Klamath Falls 22 to 16 there.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 17, 1926 (It Was Sunday) President Coolidge accused by Democrats of "strangling spending."

Oregon coast is swept by gale, damage heavy.

Premier Mussolini of Italy, charged with complicity in murder of socialist leader, challenges foes.

Volstead act hypocritically assailed in senate.

Medford quint defeats Merrill 75 to 5.

Charles' son contest at Craterian ends in draw.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

January 17, 1912 (It Was Wednesday) Prospects bright for establishment of central fruit selling agency here.

Oregon retailers open two day state meet here.

County tax levy will be 11 or 12 mills.

Eagle Point makes bid for Jack Johnson-Flynn bout, according to Mayor Bill Vonder Hellen.

2,000 New Reefers

Authorized by PFE

Purchase of 2,000 new railroad refrigerator cars at a cost of about \$12,000,000 has been authorized for Pacific Fruit Express company by its joint owners, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads, it was announced yesterday.

The new cars will have latest devices to make them the most modern cars of their type in the world, according to K. V. Plummer, vice president and general manager of Pacific Fruit Express.

SECOND WEDDING

Hollywood, Jan. 17 — (U.P.) — Ventriloquist Edgar Bergen and ex-Powers Model Frances Weston, secretly married in Mexico last summer, today arranged a second ceremony in a church. Miss Weston said she had always promised her mother that she would have a church wedding. She wanted to keep that promise now.

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