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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The President asserts he "is not a pessimist," though nobody would blame him if he was. He needs a wheelbarrow full of horseshoes, and a handful of four-leaf clover. No chief executive was ever surrounded by so many "leftists" and "rightists" and wrongists.

Farmers report they can hardly wait to start spring plowing—but they will. They have nothing good to say about the weather, except it hasn't raised the taxes.

S. Ganton Sherwood, the PO clerk had a birthday yesterday. During the war he was in the navy, and it left its stamp upon him.

"HALF-FROZEN COLLEGE-IAN SEEKS WARMTH"—(Hill-Lassen Advocate)—A college education is wonderful, but instinct causes man to do the same thing.

J. Cochran Robin, who is here early posing as the "first robin of spring" reports no luck catching the early fishworm.

IT WON'T SOOTHE STALIN (Corvallis Gazette-Times)—"Corvallis Camp Fire girls are looking for a Russian lullaby, thus far without success. Any local person who may have the words with or without the music is asked to notify Mrs. Ben Greenwood, telephone 635-R."

A former movie queen in Gotham, is reported living in a mansion, and "technically penniless." This is almost as bad as sleeping in a box car, and being actually broke.

Colds are rampant and plentiful here. Everybody seems to have one, but the hardy males, who have made it so far through a rough winter, without wearing a hat.

France has named a socialist to form a new government. Agreeing to his candidacy were the "Popular Republicans," who for a long time in French affairs, have not been too popular.

NEED OF THE NATION

(Red Bluff, Cal. News)

"Mayor La Guardia, of New York, sounds a warning against the threat of inflation. Mr. La Guardia is a friend of labor. 'We must have an opportunity to work and live decently,' declares Mr. La Guardia, 'but when they are wrong, some one must have the guts to stand up and tell them so.' And he it said for the 'Little Flower' he possesses the intestinal fortitude to speak his mind."

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A Nebraska educator advocates a revival of spanking in schools, with the teacher applying the rod, in full view of other pupils. The idea failed to click. The school ma'ams have enough to do without being a switch engineer.

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The department of agriculture has located a new chemical that kills weeds, makes apples cling to trees, ripens bananas, and cures hay fever. It is a versatile liquid. Squirtling it on the kitchen sink, will not cause the dishes to wash themselves, however.

WRONG AMMUNITION

Washington, Jan. 23—(U.P.)

Mrs. Genevieve Titus had the right idea but the wrong ammunition. She was accused of throwing eggs instead of rice at her newly-married sister and brother-in-law.

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Wm. Green vs. Harry Bridges

William Green, perennial President of AFL, proclaims in Miami, Fla., that Harry Bridges, Michael Quill and Joe Curran, prominent CIO leaders, have, we quote:

"Fallen under the U.S.S.R. influence."

We don't know about "Mike and Joe," but the term is not applicable to Harry.

For Harry Bridges never FELL under U.S.S.R. influence, he walked right into it with his eyes open and his chin up.

And to his intimates today, Harry will admit he is a radical and believes that the best form of government is a labor government,—the term "labor government" being used as a euphemism for a "dictatorship of the proletariat."

THE charge that Harry was a member of the Communist party in good standing was never legally upheld.

But that he believes in Communism and the Russian form of government no informed person would deny.

And there are at least 50,000 American citizens who agree with him, for there are that number registered as Communists.

How many more Americans are in sympathy with the movement today is not known, but judging by the conversation one hears, especially in gatherings of young people, there are far more than most people suppose.

AND of course that is their right in this free country, as long as they do not openly advocate overthrow of this government by force or commit an overt act.

The only reason Bridges got in trouble was that he was an alien at the time; now that he is a citizen of this country, not even William Green can kick him out.

But "Boss" Green can oppose him and continue to refuse to join him and "Mike and Joe" in the newly-formed world federation of trade unions, which he claims—and with reason,—will be controlled from Moscow.

And, as far as this department is concerned, more power to him. The less labor leadership in this country flirts with the idea of a labor dictatorship on the Russian plan, the better for organized labor, the better for the country and all the people in it!—R.W.R.

We Trust Eisenhower

Nearly every day the Mail-Tribune receives a protest from some indignant G.I. overseas, who wants to get home, and urges this paper to help him do it.

We have sent a number of these protests to members of the Oregon delegation at Washington, and asked them to investigate the particular case and see if any injustice is being done and if so,—if possible,—to correct it.

BUT we have not—and don't intend to,—join in any "hurrah-boys" campaign, along the general line that the present demobilization program is an outrage and disgrace, should be radically changed at once, and the present rate of discharge should be doubled or trebled, for the particular benefit of wives, children and sweethearts, many of whom are storming the gates of congress.

That there have been—and still are,—cases of injustice, no one would deny. That minor changes for the better might be made is also no doubt true.

BUT the Mail-Tribune has a very high regard for General Eisenhower, both as a military leader and a citizen, and when he says, if the present demobilization program should be radically liberalized, the task the congress has imposed upon the army just can't be done, we are strongly disposed to agree with him.

We can see no possible motive he might have in misrepresenting the situation. For certainly his job would be much easier, and his personal popularity much greater, if he could accede to this popular demand, instead of holding his ground and fighting it.

YESTERDAY the harassed chief of staff was cornered in Washington by a crowd of complaining service mens' wives, who repeated their demands to which the General minus his usual smile and plainly distressed replied:

"It is difficult for us to stand up and do what we must do when they want their husbands and the fathers of their children home.***This pressure comes from every possible source. But if any bill is passed to take out any class not comprehended in the plans I have outlined, congress will have to tell us which of our jobs it does not want us to do any longer."

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THERE is the point.

This country fought a WORLD war and won it. Now it must win the WORLD peace. But this can't be done if we do what so many unthinking and self-centered people wish us to do,—just get the hell out of Europe and the Far East and forget it.

There is a job still to be done. And only an army of occupation can do it.

We believe General Eisenhower might help his case and also render a genuine public service, if he would frankly state in plain English and considerable detail, just how many soldiers are needed in how many countries, to do what things and for how long a time.

FOR the American people as a whole, and especially the wives and families of men still overseas, don't understand why, with the war won and the fighting over such large military forces are still required. If this were explained to them by men in authority we have no doubt a great deal of the popular discontent and resentment would be removed.—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

How ill doth he deserve a lover's name,
Whose pale weak flame,
His heat in spite of absence or disdain;
But doth at once, like paper set on fire
Burn and expire,
True love can never change his seat
Nor did he ever love that could retreat.
—Thomas Carew.

It is extremely doubtful that George Washington ever threw a silver dollar across any river. However, as a lad he did throw a stone across the Rappahannock at the lower ferry of Fredericksburg, Va. At this point the river is 372 feet wide. In 1936, the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce, as a publicity stunt, arranged to have Walter Johnson, the greatest baseball pitcher of all time, try to throw a silver dollar across the Rappahannock at the point where Washington threw the aforementioned stone. This Johnson did with the greatest of ease on Feb. 22, 1936. He threw the silver dollar 386 feet; 14 more feet than necessary to get it across the river.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Come, Edward, your selection for the Santa Anita handicap is overdue. A little action, please. A. Sirde will win that race. Wing and Wing will be in the money. Q. What did you say were the best oysters? A. Why, Cape Cod oysters, of course. The colder the water, the better the oyster. Q. What were the six greatest boners in sports history? A. Why is it people always ask for six of things like that? The three great boners of sports history were: when John Anderson stole second with the bases full. When Fred Merkle failed to touch second. When Roy Riegels ran the wrong way in a Rose Bowl football game. Of course, when Jack Dempsey failed to return immediately to a neutral corner after flooring Tunney in the Chicago fight that was a boner. However, it is hardly ever referred to as such. Another boner rarely discussed is when starter Curley Brown, at the Jacksonville, Fla., track left five horses at the post out of a field of six.

Stogie Department

The charming cinema chanteuse Vivian Blaine is costing me stogies. First I confuse her with Sally Blaine. This inspired demands for stogies from throughout the land. Then I said Vivian was a strawberry blonde. Now innumerable subscribers are claiming she is a "cherry blonde." On this correction I will not pay off until I have a decision from a committee of six recognized experts on the subject of feminine hair coloring. I claim there is no such thing as a "cherry blonde." That term is just the product of a press agent's imagination.

Almost Confidential

Contemporary refers to "Mack Gray, a pal of George Raft from boyhood days on the east side of New York city." Raft is from the west side. Lived up around Washington Heights I believe. Add members M.N.I.A.P. club: Fay May, Los Angeles, Calif. The Springer Spaniels couldn't even get the best of show in the American Spaniel club show. A Cocker Spaniel won it. That settles it. Our dog, Timmy, must emerge from private life to enter the dog shows and save the fast declining reputation of his breed. Please Note

Now I have a reader in Japan who states her address is as follows: "Tokyo-to, Azabuko, Shinyudocho, No. 12, Japan, Asia." She is Japanese but has a thorough knowledge of the English language. She says she has read Dale Carnegie's How To Make Friends and Influence People 40 times. And adds: "I would like to get in touch with Mr. Carnegie, please send me his exact address."

Says She

A woman of long experience as a wage earner says: "The chief reason women prefer a male to a female boss is because the men are more considerate and sympathetic. Most female executives are slave driver types. They are not satisfied with working a feminine employee to the limit; they try to work her beyond the limit. This, of course, is not efficiency but stupidity. By their kindness, consideration, appreciation and sympathy men executives create loyal, hard working, satisfied women employees. With their nagging, inconsiderate methods female executives create inefficient, dissatisfied employees."

Old Gang
The "South Side Gang" of Pittsburgh, recently held its 25th reunion. The members of this group were all boyhood pals in

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 23—At approach of the British so-called "loan" dispute in congress, the most popular British figures are suddenly arriving in this country.



SIR BEN SMITH

Sir Ben Smith, and a rumor was started that the weight of Princess Elizabeth might be added to this homely, friendly, appeal.

The administration is bestirring itself, in a fearing way also. Messrs. Vinson and Acheson have belabored the airwaves with demands for congressional approval, implying that civilization depends again on this question, as it has so many times on agreements negotiated by the administration in the recent past. They are all scared.

The reason is a vast popular antagonism to the deal which is being made apparent to the senators and representatives in letters, telegrams and otherwise.

THE defenders are having a hard time to justify the program in the preliminary debate. The defense theory is that the loan is necessary to establish credits for Britain to buy in this country, but the agreement allows the British to do whatever they wish with the money. They can buy here or not.

The second major point of the defense is that the deal represents a legitimate loan with interest. But the agreement provides no interest will start for five years, by which time anything may nullify the obligation: after that no interest will be paid unless British trade reaches prewar levels (specifically 1936-38 average). It plainly indicates Britain must get back her trade if she is to pay any interest.

The only point the defense has thus far proved for sure is that Britain wants the money to re-establish herself financially. Against this contention critics see the British socialist government has already bought the Bank of England, and is coming forward now with a plan to buy the coal mines.

To buy the bank, the government gave the stockholders new special government bonds which seemed to guarantee the high value of the stock, but the trick in that was the bonds were given a special category, which will enable the government to treat them in any special way, apart from the government debt in any future financial pinch.

The plan for government purchase of the coal mines has not yet been defined. No one has said definitely how much they will cost, but special bonds are to be issued, and kept in a special category, their value depending on Britain's future financial condition.

THE people through their government already control the Bank of England, direct interest rates and all financial matters of the nation. They also control the price of coal, the wages of the miners, collect taxes from that business.

This is the basic absurdity of

the new British type of labor socialism. As many of our reasonable people see it, it forces the people's government to assume added obligations to buy something they can already direct for their own best purposes.

When the government buys the mines, the profits, if any, must go to pay for them, to those who own them, thus making not the slightest economic difference. Any improvement in conditions of the miners can be accomplished only at the expense of the people through higher prices or the government taking losses. So under this socialism, as under capitalism, the people would pay the bill.

BUT the underlying and main valid objection to the "loan" is that it is simply a \$3,750,000,000 cover for the total wiping out, erasing and forgetting the \$25,000,000,000 which the British owe us in lend-lease.

Mr. Roosevelt thought he was actually lending and leasing the equipment and money, expecting to get back material "in kind," if not the same material. He said so. The agreement so provided.

If the British could not give us back a tank for one of ours which they had used, they could give us something else—some of those raw materials of their far-flung empire in which we are so deficient (the list of strategic material of which we have no stockpiles, or their islands approaching our shores or bases around the world).

We are not getting back the material we have given which the British do not need and may not want. Our war department has taken the attitude that we already have too much surplus material. We do not want the old planes and tanks for scrap, or for any purpose.

Thus it has come about that the whole lend-lease has been thrown out of the category into which Mr. Roosevelt placed it.

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 permitted. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Another GI Protest

To the Editor:
I vigorously protest the slowing up of demobilization! Lack of shipping is no longer a feasible excuse for slow demobilization—ships are returning empty.

What military necessity can there be to maintain hundreds of thousands of troops in non-hostile areas, such as the Philippines, Australia, Guam, Spain, and countless others? General MacArthur said that "200,000 troops are needed as occupation forces for Japan." Why is it necessary to keep over a million troops in the Pacific in light of this fact?

As a resident of Medford I appeal to your sense of fair play in supporting our cause by editorials in your splendid newspaper.

T/5 Myron Corcoran
937 Engr. Maint. Co.
APO 75, Manila, P. I.

Our Hidden Riches

To the editor: In event the coal and petroleum deposits are only half as good as such in the eastern states, I do not see any reason why the Medford region cannot have synthetic and chemical productions that will match dollar for dollar the lumber and fruit industries of southern Oregon. How do people know that a fine breakfast food cannot be wrested from the adobe soil in Jackson county? And if you please it will have had plenty of violet ray treatment.

There are seven coal veins and three structures of petroleum and of antilines, dunes and tremblers and lower structure is about 13,000 feet deep, with pressure of about 3,000 pounds and lays against the granatics up Prospect and Crater Lake way, and Ashland way.

I have nothing to sell but will quote Mr. Ickes:

"We are a nation of not-gots, of do-nothings, of wastefulness and well wishers."

RAY G. PATCH,

Hornbrook, Calif.

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

Flight o' Time

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TEN YEARS AGO

January 23, 1936

(It Was Thursday)

Record cold grips eastern states.

Liberty League leaders scored by Sen. Schwellenbach of Washington, as "crooks and rascals."

Cloudy with fog. High 35, low 30.

All county offices end year within budgeted amounts.

Roosevelt vetoes bonus bill in brief message.

Twenty years ago

January 23, 1928

(It Was Saturday)

Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, world war figure, passes.

Pair who tried to sell moonshine to dry agent here arrested.

Unsettled. High 56, low 32.

Medford high five defeats Grants Pass 37 to 6. Ashland defeats Roseburg 35-10.

Florida lady victim of Klan is out of danger.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

January 23, 1912

(It Was Tuesday)

Jackson county Good Roads bonds are knocked out by supreme court decision.

Prospect power plant is completed, and electricity will soon be turned into valley lines.

Clear. High 80, low 42.

Cong. Hawley introduces bill in congress to build road to top of Mt. Ashland.

JOHN DOE WORRIES

Denver, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—John Doe today advertised in a newspaper for \$5,000 he said he lost while walking through a Denver bank. Refusing to give his right name, "Doe" confided that he didn't report the loss of the five \$1,000 bills to the police lest his wife should learn about his costly carelessness.

Daily Weather Report

FORECAST

Medford and vicinity. Cloudy tonight and Thursday with rain tonight, becoming showers Thursday.

Mild temperature.

Oregon: Cloudy. Rain west portion spreading into east portion tonight and Thursday. Warner tonight. Fresh winds west portion and strong to gale force southerly winds off coast.

LOCAL DATA

Temperature 4:30 a.m. today:

Highest 52. Lowest 21.

Total monthly precipitation 2.28 inches.

Excess for the month 58 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 13.27 inches.

Excess for the season 4.31 inches.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p.m. yesterday 97%. 4:30 a.m. today 99%.

Tomorrow

Sunrise 7:31 a.m. Sunset 5:16 p.m.

Observations Taken at 4:30 A. M.

120 Meridian Time

High Low Prec.

Bolsa 41 22 30

Boston 35 13

Chicago 21 14

Denver 18 25

Eureka 56 47 20

Havre 49 31

Klamath Falls 41 34

Los Angeles 73 46

Medford 44 42 34

New York 37 17

Omaha 43 34

Phoenix 65 32

Portland 52 38 17

Reno 56 23

Roseburg 52 44 28