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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Two Eastern Washington boys,

age eight and 12, went forth in

to crime, and in four days stole

an auto, robbed a church and

garage, broke into a home, and

shot the family cat and consid-

erable furniture, and threatened

to kidnap an aviation mechanic

for a flight to Seattle. The sher-

iff, after their arrest observed:

"The kids must see too many

movies." They have not seen

enough of the interior of a wood-

shed.

A high mogul of the CIO

charges General Motors with

turning down a cent an hour

wage offer, with "disgraceful

and scandalous language," the

same consisting of a widely, fre-

quently used four-letter cuss

word. This is pot & kettle stuff.

There is no report of the offend-

ers' pocket playing hooky from

the picket lines to attend

prayer-meeting.

A jet propulsion catapulted

across the country in four hours

and 26 minutes, and a few sec-

onds, at times going almost as

fast as sound. Nothing on earth

is of enough importance to neces-

sitate Man going that fast.

"HATS JUSTIFY ALL

RAVES."—(Hillside Oregonian.)

—But don't let the little woman

hear you.

HIRED GIRL (1946 MODEL)

(Kingston N.Y., Freeman)

A Cook—Live in. Private

room and bath. Meals, laun-

dry, good natured people to

live with. Will lend diamonds,

mink coat for the one day off

each week. Will exchange ref-

erences.

The CVA advises the fair sex

there should be more nylons by

Easter. The ones they were

promised but didn't get by

Christmas are about worn out.

A move is afoot in Congress

to call a disarmament confer-

ence, and Sen. Tydings of Mary-

land comes out for a cessation of

any further stalling about it. He

argues the UNO is "feeble, hum-

bling and ineffectual." The lead-

ing nations of the world are all

armed to the teeth, and nothing

much is being done about it. The

senator advances one stem-wind-

ing argument. "The UNO seems

content to have the nations agree

only for the control of the atomic

bomb. It does not seem intent

upon prohibiting its future use,"

he states. The statesmen are

striving more for oil and world

trade, than peace.

STATE OF THE UNION

(Salem Capital Journal)

"Few individuals and fewer

nations seem able to stand the

demoralizing effects of prosper-

What Price Victory?

The United States suffered nearly three times as many casualties in World War II as World War I. According to the War department's latest tabulations this nation's casualties total 1,068,388 including 283,149 dead. The dead actually will be nearer 300,000, however, since there is little chance that some 18,000 men listed as missing by the Army and Navy will be found alive.

The president has fixed financial cost of World War II at \$354 billion—more than \$2,500 for every man, woman and child in the U. S.

The loss of life among other combatants was, of course, much higher; the toll of destruction many times greater.

HISTORIAN WILL DURANT told a Knife and Fork club lecture group here yesterday evening that the atomic bomb enables us to visualize the "murderousness of war" and shows what can happen when "science goes on a spree." It is true that the widely discussed atomic bomb does dramatize the destructiveness of war, yet the deadliness of this newest, most publicized weapon is actually beyond conception. According to General Douglas MacArthur, America is now prepared to drop an atomic bomb equal to 20 million tons of TNT, one thousand times more destructive than the bomb that fell on Hiroshima.

Civilization cannot again indulge in its periodical pastime of warfare, with weapons such as these dropping from the stratosphere.

THINKING people will readily see that agreement between nations now becomes an absolute necessity. If we may paraphrase the words of Plutarch, we have learned in the past how to gain victory but not how to use it. What has passed for peace in former years has been only a breathing spell between wars. It is high time that we find a formula for lasting peace, and that simply means the removal of the causes of war—the domination of one country over another, the exploitation of one class by another, the unwillingness of nations to settle through arbitration vexing questions of territory and of racial and national allegiance.

It was Columnist Dorothy Thompson who said, "Peace has to be created in order to be maintained. It is the product of Faith, Strength, Energy, Will, Sympathy, Justice, Imagination and the triumph of principle. It will never be achieved by passivity and quietism. Passivity and quietism are invitations to war."

The cost of victory, the terrible toll of war should prompt every nation and every individual to want lasting peace enough to work and to pay for it.—H.G.

Dig Deeper

Rev. Tso Tin Taam of the Chinese Methodist church, reports from China that three-fourths of the population are suffering from famine, lack of clothing and shelter. In Canton alone more than 600 bodies of people who have died from starvation, lack of clothing and from just being frozen to death are picked up each morning. People die unnoticed on the streets.

THIS grim and sobering report becomes another reminder that the Victory Clothing Collection is now underway here, and there remains but two more days of the nation-wide drive. It should prompt people here to dig deeper into trunks, closets and attics and turn in everything that can possibly be spared, from shoes and clothing to bedding. Suffering and distress this winter is not, by any means, confined to China. It is almost world-wide.

CITIZENS here have thus far been generous. Three and one-half tons of clothing have been shipped already and another 10 tons should be ready for shipment before the campaign closes this week. We must not be content with just a good record. Misery and distress are too great and too widespread.—H.G.

On The Side By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Sleep, little baby, sleep,
The Holy Angels love thee
And guard thy bed and keep
A blessed watch above thee
Sleep through the Holy night,
Christ-kept from snare and sor-

row
Until, though wake to light
And love and warmth to-morrow.
—Christina Rossetti.

(Above quoted in response to a request for a "lullaby, prayer or some other suitable poetry to use for an inscription on a cradle." First time I heard of a cradle inscription but it sounds like a good idea.)

"There ought to be a school for husbands where they could be taught what not to do." Such was the comment of a Hollywoodian as she filed suit for divorce. Our Mules & Men department considers this a significant statement, and will make it the subject of special research to be filed under the heading "Don'ts for Husbands." We trust the efforts of our M & M in the respect will help in the improvement of the breed of husbands. It is hoped in an early issue we will be able to report on what are considered some of the major matrimonial mistakes of males.

In the meanwhile, gentlemen don't kiss your wife before you shave and while it is all right to laugh at her hairs never ridicule her hair-do or her new tailored suit. These two "don'ts" were

just given me by a nearby newspaper woman who has recently discarded a husband who she describes as having been "woefully inept and boring."

Asking

Q. If you get this one right I may send you a stogie. In what state do people telephone the most? A. Of course you mean what state has the highest average telephone calls per person? I don't know the answer. But it is probably one of the predominantly agricultural states. People living on farms do a lot of telephoning. Q. Are you familiar with poem titled "Thoughts On Achieving Maternity." A. Can't say I am. Is it possible you are thinking of the following lines by Corinne Roosevelt Robinson:

My little one, thy mother's
Dwell on thy nestling head
Against her breast
With that supreme and satisfied
Maternity achieved.

Complaint

"People born July 22 are under the sign of Cancer," writes a New Yorker, who says she is a Leo. "But they are always trying to claim they are Leos. The difference between Cancer and Leo women is great. Leo women are hard to get and not difficult to hold being very loyal. Cancer women are easy to get and hard

to hold being very fickle. They are great husband changers. If you doubt this look at the records in Reno, Nev."

Asides

Suggested for the M.N.I.A.P.C. is Doris Norris Morris of Chicago. Channing Manning of the membership committee says she is not eligible because Doris does not rhyme with Morris. However, says Mr. Manning, if Mrs. Morris has a son named Horace he is eligible. . . . One New York department store recently had sales amounting to over \$1,000,000 in one day. The exact figure was \$1,121,621. . . . My favorite kind of ice cream is spumoni, but it is rarely any good unless you get it at a first class Italian restaurant. For that matter places where you can get a plate of really good ice cream of any flavor are rare. The stuff they serve at most soda fountains is terrible.

Passing By

Helen Clive O'Hara. Statuesque dancer and cinema performer. Helen is a six-foot blonde. That's a lot of blonde. However, her height has apparently been no handicap to her career as she has been singularly successful in Hollywood and Broadway. . . . Michael Strange nee Blanch Oelrichs. The second Mrs. John Barrymore, is the mother of Diana Barrymore. About 25 years ago she wrote a play titled "Clair De Lune" in which Ethel Barrymore starred. Briefly

Now you, too, can have a swimming pool. A New Jersey firm is preparing to retail prefabricated swimming pools at popular prices. You can get one that will fit in your backyard. . . . At present the U. S. has no woman ambassador or minister to a foreign country. Or no woman on the supreme court bench. And no women in the senate. The females who are battling for the rights of women are very bitter about this situation.

Please Note

"You recently said it had been claimed children born and brought up near large radio broadcasting stations were likely to be taller than the average child," writes a New Yorker. "I have a niece 15 years of age born and brought up near a powerful broadcasting transmitter at Bound Brook, N. J. She is five feet, seven inches tall and still growing. When I spoke to my niece about her being so tall she said: 'Oh, there are a lot of girls my age in this neighborhood who are taller than I am.' Maybe there is really something to that aforementioned claim as silly as it seems. Better keep checking on it."

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 29 — All signs from within point to the food shortage continuing another year — or more.



Paul Mallon

The old gang in his department, the administrators and subadministrators of the Wallace new dealing regime, has passively resisted him. He is "in bad" with them, as the insiders themselves put it.

And then, when he came out for a new program to abandon the parity price concept and to accept the world price theory in some respects, the farm folks and their lobbies here started letting him down.

THIS is what is behind the rumors occasionally printed of late in some of the columns that he has lost Truman's confidence and may retire. Indeed some who have their noses to the White House pane, suspect the old gang is grooming a successor, Milton Eisenhower, brother of the chief of staff. Eisenhower is more of a new deal politico than the general. Certainly it is difficult to see how Anderson can survive. His novel price theory is contrary to what he does in his own milk producing business in Albuquerque.

There he sells what milk the market will take at the highest possible price, and lets his surplus go for whatever it will bring. The idea of abandoning the parity notion made the farm bureau federation right mad. And the opposing crowd in the farmers union turned against him when he named Lassiter instead of Hudgins to farm security.

SIC transit clear-minded new officials. When he was in congress, Mr. Anderson knew just what to do. The objectivity of his post then permitted him clarity of vision. But when he took the cabinet seat to face the clique which ran his department (cliques of subordinates dominated the top men of all these

government departments), he immediately became involved.

Remember how Mr. Truman came in announcing how closely he would work with congress. Now before his first year is out, he is involved in such a desperate struggle with congress he is asking people to propagandize against them. The loudest cheer for his recent message came not from the chastised legislators, but from Sidney Hillman of C.I.O. The confidence of business which he enjoyed at the outset slipped perceptibly also with the rejection of his wage compromise by both steel and motors.

I HAVE rarely seen this process to fail. The human personality rarely is able to surmount it. Outside of bureaucracy, men may see clearly and devise clear-cut programs. As soon as they get in the seats of power they fall under the spells of bureaucracy, adulation, and the politics of the self-perpetuating old gangs—or, resisting, become involved in self-thwarting struggles.

The secret of Mr. Anderson's troubles, however, I suspect, is the same as the reasons why the food shortages will continue beyond another crop. His conflicts with the clique and lobbies are superficial reflections of a deeper cause, namely: Farmers are afraid of abundance. The farm leaders think they can easily produce too much for this country, know they cannot sell much abroad, and hence by nature resist any abundance theory.

Winter wheat was hurt by weather and much of the seedling did not come up. Poultry supplies are being drained by the meat shortage. Eggs may be plentiful for a little while in the spring, but not for long. Vegetables fluctuate, but there should be enough if the weather is favorable. Yet if Britain spends 25 per cent of her loan for our short foods, and we try feeding the world as everyone seems to want, our meager prospects will be still further endangered. It is impossible, therefore, to expect relief from the food shortage anytime soon.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer. Although the use of a pen name is permitted, the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation is reserved.

A Plug for USO

To the editor: I would like very much to have you put this article in the paper. It not only conveys my feelings, but those of other servicemen also. We truly appreciate the Medford U.S.O., and especially the hostesses, Miss O'Denny and Miss Hough.

LOWELL C. BAKER, HA2/c
U.S.N.H. Staff
Camp White, Ore.

ear Mom:

I visited the USO this week-end. The USO here in Medford is one that a fellow really appreciates. As I walked into the USO I saw a nice lady dressed in green. Yes, Mom, Miss O'Denny is Irish and she sure has those endearing young charms and smiling Irish eyes. Then there is Nancy Hough (the nurse, as we call her) who is always willing to do anything for us. There are two the director and assistant director of the USO.

I couldn't help but notice all the activity going on: Ping pong, pool, badminton and so many others that my head is still swimming from seeing them all. Bernice (Miss O'Denny) tells me that she was recently visited by Mrs. Summers, a handicraft expert who has suggested many new ideas for the USO. Some of them are leathercraft, plastic work, and finger painting.

It would surely be nice to have the USO after we are back on a peacetime basis so we (by then) ex-servicemen could still enjoy the hospitality of these wonderful hostesses.

Your loving son,

G. I. JOE.

TO USE MERCED FIELD

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The army plans to use Castle field at Merced, Calif., as a heavy bomber base, a war department spokesman said today.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

IT MAY BE that the flu bug bites members of congress harder than it does other people. In any event, I have just finished with the meanest attack of flu I have ever had. A great many people have had the flu here in Washington this winter, but the epidemic has pretty much passed over now. I suppose the weather has had something to do with it. Three weeks ago, we had several days with the temperature in the 70's, followed almost immediately with a solid two weeks of temperatures in the low 20's.

JUDGING FROM THE MAIL that I and the other members of congress have been receiving the last two or three weeks, the people of the country think congress is to blame for the present wave of strikes and labor disputes. Furthermore, the people apparently think the present situation has developed because congress failed to pass the legislation referred to as the "President's program."

I even heard a representative of the CIO say, on a radio program here in Washington recently, that the congress could have prevented the strikes if it had passed certain legislation. When the interviewer asked this CIO representative to cite specific legislation, she named the minimum wage bill and the "full employment" bill.

Quite obviously, neither the minimum wage bill nor the "full employment" bill could have had the slightest bearing on the situation, no matter when they were passed. Nor would the passage of the FEPC or the unemployment compensation bills have any effect upon the present situation. Those four bills, together with the president's recommendation that a fact-finding labor bill be passed, (which came along after the first of December) represent what is referred to as the "president's legislative program." This so-called program is not of world-shaking importance. The failure of congress to act upon it has had no effect upon the strike situation. In fact, I feel that every one of the bills embodied in the president's program is of question able merit, and the congress might be doing the country a greater service by refusing to pass them than by accepting them.

THERE WILL SHORTLY be brought to the floor a watered-down version of the president's request for a law providing for fact-finding boards in labor disputes. A careful reading of the bill embodying the president's recommendation reveals that its passage would accomplish nothing basic toward the elimination of strikes. If the bill is passed as written, it will provide only that a fact-finding board will be appointed and will make a report, and that no strike can occur during a 30-day period while a board is being appointed and is making its report. The president's bill provides nothing more than that.

However, the bill is now scheduled to come on to the floor under what is called an "Open Rule," which means that it may be amended, or some other proposal may be substituted for it on the floor. In other words, due to the failure of the administration-controlled labor committee of the House of Representatives to report a sound and constructive bill, the house will be compelled to actually write the bill on the floor by means of amendments.

After the bill is thus patched up on the floor, we will be called upon to vote it either up or down. It will be nothing short of a miracle if a good law results from this procedure, but the House of Representatives and all of its committees are overwhelmingly controlled by the administration, and this seems to be the way in which they want to do it.

THE HOUSE of Representatives has had prepared two docu-

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. His
tory from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10 20 and 34 years
ago

TEN YEARS AGO

January 29, 1936

(It Was Tuesday)

Sen. Robinson to reply to Al

Smith over radio tonight.

Dionne quints sleep outdoors

despite severe cold in Canada.

Cloudy. High 53, low 38.

Insurgent Democrats of south

unite to fight New Deal.

Annual Roosevelt ball here

tomorrow night.

Popular song of the day is

"The Music Goes In Here, and

Comes Out There."

TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 29, 1916

(It Was Friday)

Local radio fans get Italy and

Mexico.

Terrific storm sweeps Pacific.

Senate adopts world court

plan.

Rain. High 56, low 42.

Premier Mussolini of Italy

starts war on "jazz" music.

Wind and rain hit valley but

no damage done.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

January 29, 1912

(It Was Tuesday)

Teddy Roosevelt announces if

nominated, he will run for pre-

sident again.

Clarence Darrow, Chicago

lawyer, arraigned at Los An-

geles on charge of bribing jury.

Pair arrested for stealing cat-

tle on Butte Creek.

Chalmers-Detroit 36 auto is

driven to top of "Nob Hill" on

East Side, with five passengers.

J'VILLE BARBER SHOP

OPENED BY ROBINSON

Jacksonville, Jan. 29.—Clyde

Robinson has purchased and is

now operating the local barber

shop. Robinson, a former resi-

dent of Clovis, New Mexico, has

resided here about four months.

Yockley Carroll, previous owner

and barber, has no definite fu-

ture plans, but says he may build