

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## It's Not Too Late... Now...

While Americans sit at home and become wrought up over anti-poll tax bills and anti-lynching bills, the forces of Communism are on the march.

While we quibble over who will be allowed to vote, there are groups of people at work who would deny suffrage to any American.

While our political leaders denounce President Truman and threaten to read him out of the Democratic Party, plotters are at work who hope to write America off as a world power.

Recent events in Czechoslovakia bring terrible fears to a troubled world. In Czechoslovakia, one observes the same techniques as those employed by Germany less than ten years ago. The only difference is the name of the invading force and its accompanying political ideology.

In World War II it was Nazism and now it is Communism. Frankly, they both mean "totalitarianism" to us.

The lessons of World War II and the appeasers' failure should ring in our ears. We must realize that there can be no compromise with totalitarianism on its own terms.

In the face of such grave danger America must look to both its defenses and offenses.

By defense we mean preparation to ward off military actions by forces of totalitarianism. To enable America to follow a program of complete preparedness, we favor these immediate steps:

1. Preparation of a plan for industrial mobilization and conversion.
2. Preparation of an inventory of vital and critical materials and building stockpiles of such items.
3. Continued research on and development of atomic weapons.
4. Building the strongest air force in the world.
5. Maintaining a world intelligence service that is second to none.

## MacArthur Roundup...

General MacArthur's statement that he would accept the nomination for president if it were tendered him, has touched off a round of bitter controversy.

Most of the discussion centers around his ability to handle the job as the nation's chief executive. Here are the comments taken at random from the press of the nation.

### Louisville Courier-Journal

As a Presidential candidate he ought to come down from that high place and discuss all of the issues of the day with his fellow Americans. It seems fairly plain that his platform would advocate diversion of our principal current effort from West to East, or division of it between the two at a time when we cannot conceivably do everything at once. In fact we do not know actually what to do in China. We believe that public sentiment in the United States is already well crystallized behind the European Recovery Program and that thus the General again is too late.

In an earlier editorial, the Courier-Journal said, "To all appearances he suffers from an occupational ail of some professional soldiers—the idea that only a higher ranking officer may question of criticize."

### Arkansas Gazette

The general's assets are impressive. He is an authentic military hero whose name in the familiar phrase is literally a household word.

But the general also has liabilities. There is the matter of age; he was born in 1880. There is the instinctive American objection to professional soldiers in politics. There is his lack of experience outside the narrow limits of army life. There is the aura of aloofness he wears so well as a military leader but which looks to his critics a great deal like arrogance.

### The Atlanta Constitution

No one wishes to criticize Gen. MacArthur's military achievements. But it is possible to say that the General errs in insisting

6. Development of Reserve and National Guard components of the Army.

7. Development of a national capitol so far underground that atomic bombs cannot harm it. In connection with the national capitol, Americans might also wisely choose alternate congressmen and even an alternate president to take over in case a bomb or two was dropped on Washington before a declaration of war. Such things can still happen.

8. Preparation of an immediate overall plan of defense. A plan so prepared that it will function even after Washington, D. C., Chicago, and New York City have been wiped out. It might even involve keeping a perpetual flight of planes in the air. Such planes would be armed with atomic weapons and would be prepared to drop them on an aggressor nation. This may seem fantastic but there are some of us who still haven't forgotten Pearl Harbor. There must not be a repetition.

9. Enact Universal Military Training. When we advocate such training, we hope with tongue in cheek, that our army will rise above its fire-extinguisher-shining, fox-hole-digging and grenade-throwing training methods. Such tactics are as outmoded as the Model T Ford.

Now for our offenses:

1. We favor America's extending aid to all friendly nations, but every precaution should be taken to see that such materials do not fall into the hands of potential enemies.

2. We favor an all-out mobilization attempt to organize a world government minus the veto power. This could be organized in a short time if America were to take the lead. We owe it to ourselves and to the world to make one more grand effort for we find ourselves once more walking down the road to destruction.

In the words of Norman Cousins of the Saturday Review, "It is not too late, but it has seldom been later."

that he be placed above all other persons. Admiring his achievements, we wish he would come down out of the clouds and walk on the earth like a mortal man. It is quite possible he would enjoy it.

Columnist Jack Tarver in the same paper says: "But the General may not prove as successful a political as military campaigner. For one thing, he won't have the Marines to establish a beachhead at Philadelphia."

Still the MacArthur enthusiasts are optimistic: They are convinced he can win even without the GI vote.

He's straightened out Japan, they argue, why not give him a chance at the U.S.? Besides, with our Russian relations apparently ever worsening, who can say we don't need a man in the White House who can be even more unreasonable than Stalin?

### The Michigan Daily

The good stolid citizens of the United States tend to be hero worshippers with a strong taste for the colorful and dramatic. MacArthur with his famous past of military conquests, his dramatic (though egoistic) "I shall return" will probably appeal to the American public. This coupled with the sure-fire emotional stew dished up by the Hearst papers may make a very palatable dish to a great many romance-hungry Americans.

But if the American people swallow this spicy concoction they will be letting themselves in for one big emotional stomach-ache. Incompetent statesmanship and militarism in government administration may be awfully indigestible.

Business Week reports on a new product to solve flash floods, a throwaway baby blotter made of unwoven waste cotton bound in plastic and called Pee-Wee.

When the city editor assigned the reporter and a photographer of the Ogden (Utah) Standard-Examiner, it's no wonder their eyes opened wide. Said the city editor: "Pick up the story and a girl. . ."

## The Battalion

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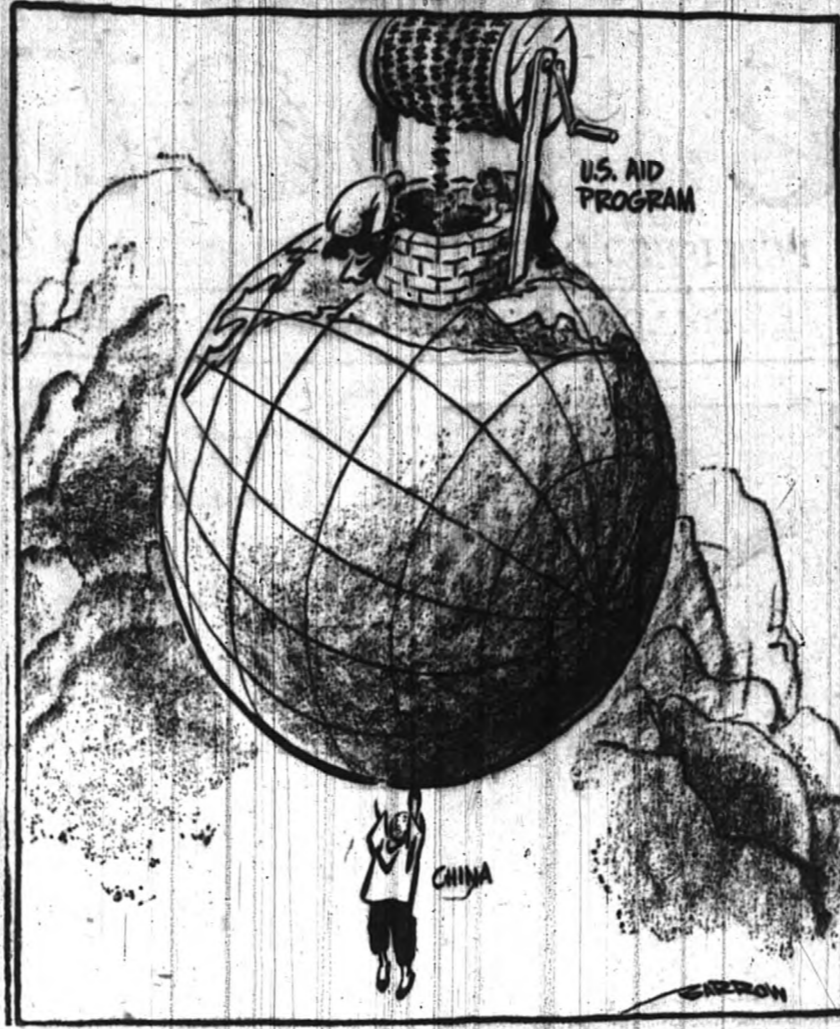
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HOW DEEP IS A WELL?



## Texans Frowned Upon Lincoln, Steen Says in History Magazine

By R. BROWN McGAUGHEY

"The Texas press accepted Lincoln's election in 1860 as a tragedy and his assassination in 1865 as a major blessing," states Dr. Ralph W. Steen, A&M professor of history and author of "Texas Newspapers and Lincoln," featured article in the current issue of the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.

Since the celebration of the centennial of Lincoln's birthday in 1909, Texas newspapers have published many editorials praising the first Republican president, an indication that the Southern people had a high regard for Lincoln even during the Civil War. His death was looked upon as a great misfortune for the South.

Dr. Steen states that it was not until the hatreds of war had cooled that Texas newspapers began saying good things about Lincoln.

Excerpts from Texas newspapers are cited to illustrate the changing attitude toward Lincoln.

The *Texas Republican*, Marshall, Texas, April 28, 1865—"It is certainly a matter of congratulation that Lincoln is dead, because the world is happily rid of a monster

that disgraced the form of humanity."

The *Houston Telegraph*, April 26, 1865—"From now until God's judgment day the minds of men will not cease to thrill at the killing of Abraham Lincoln, by the hand of Booth, the actor."

The *San Antonio Express*, February 12, 1909—"Today marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican to occupy the Presidential office, and universally conceded to be one of the greatest of American statesmen in all the essentials of greatness."

## : Letters to the Editor :

AGGIELAND INN???

Editor, The Battalion:

I don't know what type of priority system is used at the Aggield Inn, but it must be unique.

In February I asked when they would take reservations for the Mothers Day week-end. They told me it would be sometime in March. So on March 1 at 9 a. m. I inquired again and they were "full up."

The reservations must have come pouring in just ahead of me or something stinks, and I think something stinks. What can be done about it?

BOB DRAGO, '49  
(Ed. Note: C. M. Sikes, manager of the Aggield Inn, points out that the Inn has only 32 rooms, some of which must be held open for emergency use, with which to serve 7,000 Aggies and their guests.)

Sikes says reservations were opened, as advertised, on Mar. 1.)

"HIDDEN COST"

Editor, The Battalion:

The only statement in the "hidden cost" article in Thursday's Battalion from which I can eke any conceivable truth is the one that says, "Students who eat in A&M's mess hall are not getting their full dollar's value for each \$1 spent." The nail got a good square wallop on the head there, but the rest of the article doesn't do much to get the thing driven.

Some statistics were given attempting to tell where the mess hall dollar goes. Ninety cents of it sounds well and good, but that 10 cents worth of "dining hall expenses" doesn't seem to be too well understood. Mr. Goodwyn says that includes replacement of equipment, cleaning and laundry, insurance, and garbage collection.

But the exact amount used to replace equipment was not obtainable!

Why isn't it obtainable? I have seen some people at work in the mess hall office. Aren't some of them bookkeepers? If they can't keep up with how much is spent on replacing equipment, maybe the price of meals should be raised some more in order to pay more or better bookkeepers.

So the mess hall was forced to pay the creamery \$447.97 for loss of milk bottles! Well, according to my calculations at 4 cents per bottle that would be 11,199 bottles in five months. Assuming that only 5,599 students of the 7,700 enrolled eat at the mess hall—that is 2 bottles per student in just 5 months. I don't take any; my

roommate didn't take any. Who are those two guys who took four. Come to think of it, I know more students that have no use for milk bottles than I know one who'd use them. Who takes them all?

Now that the number of thieves is narrowed down a bit, why don't we isolate a few individuals with bulging pockets?

After all, if Goodwyn will grant me the assumption that the mess hall has actually served meals about 600 hours during the past 5 months, one person every 3 minutes walks out of the mess hall with a bulging pocket because he is carrying a milk bottle away, i. e., according to Goodwyn's statistics.

I won't even bother to consider the plates Goodwyn mentions, because I don't see how the average student can hide one on his person without being seen, most especially one dripping with gravy.

I can't possibly understand how that much stealing of equipment can take place without much of it being detected at the time it occurs. If the real answer to the "hidden cost" is breakage, much of it must go toward the purchase of butter to be used as a finger lubricant. It seems that this so-called "hidden cost" is hidden a lot better than Goodwyn's article seems to reveal. Goodwyn admits that a cheaper meal could be had if the hidden cost were eliminated, so it appears to me that it would be justifiable to spend some money to find the "real hidden cost."

J. W. CHAPPELL, '50.

## PALACE

TODAY THRU THURSDAY

"Killer McCoy"

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TODAY THRU WED.

"Out of the Blue"

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## PALACE

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

"Secret Beyond the Door"

Wal, Fry My Hide . . .

## Fosdick Now In Revised Edition

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

A junior high school teacher in Pittsburgh has created an ingenious teaching plan that could easily revolutionize the entire A&M educational set-up.

Miss Katherine Hutchinson, an instructor in the Palk School, University of Pittsburgh, discovered she couldn't keep her students from reading comic books in class. Rather than think up new methods of rapping the children's knuckles, the ingenious school marm applied her teaching methods to the comics, and is now using the Sunday supplement as text book.

"Prince Valiant" currently introduces students to American mythology and the legend of the Fairies. "Bandle" teaches the English class the elements of short story construction. "Dick's Adventures" opens a discussion of relations between the Indians and Pilgrims. "Room and Board" sets science pupils investigating whether its science is accurate.

Miss Hutchinson, in collaboration with the *Comic Weekly*, is sending a weekly Newsletter containing suggestions to other teachers interested.

To quote one of these letters in part, "The chivalry of Prince Valiant, the courage of the Lone Ranger and Buz Sawyer, the simple

honesty of Barney Google are infectious and foster character goals the teacher seeks."

The impact that such innovations would have on our own campus are easily envisioned. The English department is already following the same line of thought in its "Great Issues" course, which employs the *New York Times* as a text. If the ags and engineers are muttering under their breaths at the liberal artists now, picture their consternation when the Pittsburgh plan goes into full swing.

The Academic Building will be a mass of serious visaged students, poring over multi-colored comic books.

From the architecture department will come the drawing of a lecture reading from "Fosdick's" strip on the comparative designs of chippendale chairs.

In the history lecture rooms, students will be madly flipping papers in a search for the day Prince Valiant landed in Newfoundland.

Over in the chemistry building a group will have a page of "Flash Gordon" under the hood trying to smash the molecular construction of his ray gun.

But the engineers and ag students will not be completely ignored under the new system. The Aero's will cast aside their old wooden props and war battered plans fuselages when the latest edition of "Smilin' Jack," "Terry and the Pirates," and "Steve Canyon" arrive.

And down in the ag barns the judging teams will be checking the fore and aft points of Salemy against the characteristic of McSwine shoot.

Yes, things will be different in College Station when "Funny Books 414" is entered into the list of technical electives. Picture the scene in the Club Leggett when Jason Mason, the play boy of the EE department, returns from his weekly Dallas corps trip.

He will bid his comrades in crime goodbye at the train with these words: "Well, it's back to the books for me. I sure hate to face that 600 word theme on the 'Hidden Molar' in Little Orphan Annie that's due tomorrow. I think I'll delay it a while with a little light reading. Wonder if my roommate has a copy of Differential Equations I can browse through—?"

## Six Staff Members To Present Papers At Society Meets

Six members of the A&M department of biochemistry and nutrition will present papers at the meetings of the Federated Societies at Atlantic City this week.

The papers will be presented at the meetings of the American Institute of Nutrition and the American Society of Biological Chemists.

The following papers will be given at the meeting of the American Institute of Nutrition: "Southern Peas as a Source of Protein for Growth," by Dr. L. R. Richardson; "The Availability of Amino Acids in Some Foods," by K. A. Kuiken; and "The Quantitative Requirement of the Rat for Magnesium and Effects of Magnesium Deficiency in the Rabbit," by P. B. Pearson.

Papers will be presented at the American Society of Biological Chemists by Dr. R. T. Holman, "Coupled Oxidations in Enzymatically Oxidized Linoleic Acid," and by Dr. Carl M. Lyman on "Effect of Vitamin B6 on the Utilization of D Amino Acids by Lactic Acid Bacteria." A paper entitled "Studies of Folic Acid Conjugase in Blood" will be presented by Dr. B. S. Schweigert.

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