

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Selective Service Again...

President Truman's "three point" message to the Congress yesterday was a sober and deliberate appeal for the United States to marshal its military strength, to rebuild a semblance of the vast and mighty military machine it discarded nearly three years ago. Though these actions might seem drastic when considered in the light of past history, the common attitude of the nation toward the speech was of agreement, indeed it might be said that this speech was greeted with more approval than any the President has yet made during his three year stay in the White House.

The principle of military preparedness is sound; the seriousness of the present world situation, which the President saw fit to label a "crisis", leaves little grounds for isolationism.

There should be little controversy over President Truman's first point, the passage of an effective European Recovery Plan. As this was being written, no one knew

exactly what was involved in the other two points: universal training (the President did not use the customary phrase, universal MILITARY training) and a brief resumption of selective service until the universal training program became effective.

We hope that in putting the training-draft program into action, if it is passed, the United States does not make the mistake of preparing for the war of '41, by basing its training on pre-atomic, pre-radar tactics. Such a program might look impressive to the layman, but would hardly fool the keener military analysts.

Along this line, we hope that military leaders will recognize the importance of college training to future soldiers, and will classify ROTC service in a recognized military school as a "substitute" for camp training on a lower level. Which is more important to our future citizen-army—learning to pick up cigarette butts off a parade ground or studying the secrets of physics and chemistry?

Marshall's Testimony...

"Diplomatic action without the backing of military strength in the present world can lead only to appeasement." With these words Secretary of State Marshall began his testimony yesterday before the Senate Armed Services committee, immediately after President Truman's speech.

The clear cut issue is whether or not this country will stand before the world for at least the next five or ten years in a position appropriate to its leadership in furthering the perpetuation of free governments, and avoiding their transition into police states.

"We desire a state of affairs which would make repetitions of the fate of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the intimidation of Finland, the subversive operations in Italy and France, and the cold-blooded efforts to destroy the Greek government unlikely, because they would definitely be fraught with real danger to those who would attempt such action." Marshall said that in addition to the manpower measures "a reconsideration of our air program is also necessary."

He told the Senators: "The combination of two things, enactment of the European Recovery Program on the one hand and a decision by the American people that clearly indicates that they are determined in their course, are necessary now, I think, to the maintenance of peace in the world."

The secretary of state expressed concern over what he called the "accelerated trend" of events in Europe, specifically mentioning the communization of the Balkan states, except Greece, and the fact that both Hungary and Czechoslovakia "have been forced into complete submission to the Communist control."

On the other hand, Russia's Andrei A. Gromyko said he thought President Truman's speech was "propaganda mainly for internal consumption."

That was the only comment of the Soviet deputy foreign minister as he arrived at Lake Success, for the United Nations Security Council debate on the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.

Safety First at Depot...

Safety First has won out at the College Station railroad depot, and swinging bells and flashing red lights are to be installed soon.

Though the action of the Missouri Pacific in agreeing to install these warning systems is gratifying, the warning system being installed two lives too late.

The installation of these signs and similar systems on the Southern Pacific Railroad will not necessarily remedy the situation. Human error and negligence are still present and may again be disastrous to some heedless individual.

The exuberant Aggie is not a good insurance risk while he waits for and greets his arriving date or parents.

He parks his car between the two main tracks, blocks off the road crossing, and usually stands so close to the tracks that the engine narrowly misses him as it enters the station.

Obviously, it will require more than just warning lights and ringing bells at this station to prevent more accidents.

While the Aggie is waiting for the train to arrive, he must keep control of himself. He will have to differentiate between the green lights flashing in his mind and the red warning given by the railroad signal.

Safety First must be maintained within the individual also!

Whatta Flip!

Our nomination for best misplaced modifier goes to the AP writer responsible for this freak-accident story:

"DURANT, Okla., (AP)—Chocky Brown, of Sherman, Texas, was killed in a freak traffic accident here and his wife and niece were injured. State highway patrolmen said a truck hit a culvert, flipping its heavy bed into the air and down on top of Brown's car in the other traffic lane four miles north of here."

Hybrid Hank told a Minnesota audience the Communist grab of power in Czechoslovakia was "inevitable" as Russia has insisted "on friendly governments on its borders." It is easy to see where they could run this proposition into the ground. —Arkansas Gazette

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister is reported to have said that if American oil concessions are canceled, Americans will be protected and their repatriation facilitated. In other words, Get out! and the sooner the better. —Arkansas Gazette.

Not for the Record...

One of our editors was having a couple of drinks with two chaps from an advertising agency the other day, partly on business but mostly for *and lang syme*. The time finally came to break it up and our man reached for the bill, but one of the agency chaps stopped him. "Oh no," he said, "Don't you pay for it. Bill will sign. This is his party." Bill, an up and coming new businessman, said, "My party, yes," as he picked up the check and reached for his wallet. "But I won't sign. For drinks I pay cash. Prohibition's coming back soon and when it does I want to be in good with the right people. No Dry is going to find anything wrong with my expense account." —TIDE

The "fault" or crack in the earth's crust, along which most of California's earthquakes occur, is "the state's only fault"—besides claiming it has none. —Arkansas Gazette.

I. Miller's is advertising as one of its Christmas specials "the bag of the hour... so round, so plump, so fully shirred."



: Letters to the Editor :

"FOR" THE BONUS

Editor, The Battalion:

In reply to the juvenile, infantile reasoning sent in by Mr. Jerry P. Breen, Jr., we would like to send in our two-bits worth. In the first place, we are here, more or less, alive, no thanks to people like you. We don't know what outfit you were in (if any) during the war, but it sounds like you were "captain of the head" somewhere in the states.

First, in answer to your prediction that "the veterans of Aggie-Lamb have to play" Mary's Little Lamb to a bunch of TU zoot-sooters, we shall have to inform you that most of the A&M students (except a few like you) are intelligent enough to make up their own minds on ANY issue, without reading The Daily Texan to see which way TU voted in order to vote exactly the opposite.

We are voting "for", and as to your inference that some of the voters "for" have no backbone, let us say that one of us survived active duty for three years in the Pacific and France, and another three and one-half years as a "guest" of the Imperial Japanese Army in Singapore. Try this on your backbone.

Since you are so well informed as to what takes place over at the Forty Acres and our state capital, just tell them that while they are "squandering" the state's money (as you say they are), just "squander" a little over in our direction. We, the \$90 a month men of ole AggieLand, could certainly use that bonus, as of now!

As to our being "too lazy to work for a living," exactly what are you doing here?

By the way, are you any kin to Bobby Breen, possessor of the sweet tenor voice?

Yours for BBB,
A. L. CARPENTER '39
F. M. CARPENTER '50
*Bonuses for Boys with Backbones.

BETTER HIDING PLACES

Editor, The Battalion:

It seems that everyone lately has been wondering about the price of milk bottles that are broken in Duncan and Sbisla Halls. We are wondering about the price of certain items offered in the cafeterias. There has been a lot of talk about the "hidden costs." We wish they would hide some of the cost of food bought in these establishments. We have looked into the matter some and have come up with these rather startling facts:

1. Grapefruit bought retail are five for 10¢, yet in the cafeteria we pay 6¢ per half grapefruit. The charge is six times the retail price.
2. Grapefruit juice bought retail is two cans for 25¢, yet in the cafeteria we pay 7¢ a glass and there are 11 glasses to a can. In other words for each 25¢ worth of grapefruit juice the charge is \$1.54 in the cafeteria.
3. Weiners are 11¢ a piece in the cafeteria, yet we can buy them retail at 5¢ for ten, or 5 1/2¢ each. In other words the cafeteria charges exactly twice the retail price. We realize, of course, that the extra

charge is for the "rich" sauce that is served with the weiners. The prices of these items lead us to wonder if other items are not similarly overpriced.

WILLIAM W. CREE, JR., '50
HARRY DUNCAN, '50
C. O. SMITH, '50
CHAS. W. CORDON, III '48
J. W. HARRIS, III '47
LLOYD THORNTON, '47

P. S. We can back our prices. Can the mess halls back up theirs? *

DIETICIAN???

Editor, The Battalion:

Would you please publish the background and schooling our dietician has had in the science of dietetics?

A great many of us have reason to believe he has had no training in this field at all. If this is so, would you make this fact available also?

Sincerely,
RUDY E. TAKACS

(Ed. Note: The dietician at A&M is W. C. Dahlkemper. According to Jay Penston, chief of subsistence, Dahlkemper is not a graduate dietician but has a "practical" knowledge in the field. He was a dietician in charge of an army hospital during the war.) *

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

Editor, The Battalion:

Although Religious Emphasis Week has just passed, I don't think it is too early to begin to plan for next year. While the various churches have their own speakers, the speakers for the main meetings have been exclusively Protestant Christians.

If the program is to be truly for the whole college, it seems proper that an outstanding Jewish or Catholic leader should be invited as the speaker for next year.

Sincerely,
STUART MacFARLANE

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Westminster Choir Appearance Gladdens English Instructor

By LOUIS MORGAN

Miss Clare E. Carson, A&M English instructor, will sit in on the Westminster Choir rehearsals here before the Town Hall performance on March 22. Miss Carson attended Westminster College in Princeton, New Jersey, during the summer of 1945. Those who have attended the college are privileged to attend rehearsals, she said.

Miss Carson entered Westminster College for a three week's course without previous professional training in music. She had, however, directed a Presbyterian Church Choir in Goose Creek, and had sung second alto in other choirs. After the course was over, her class was able to present in concert 13 anthems from memory.

Dr. John F. Williamson, founder and head of the college, is the kind of man who inspires his students to work, Miss Carson said. She believes that anyone can learn to sing well under his method of teaching. Westminster students are taught to sing from feeling, and solos are considered a type of exhibition by Dr. Williamson.

Education Head To Address AIEE Resource-Use Meet

Dr. G. B. Wilcox, head of the department of education and psychology, will attend a work conference on resource-use education at the University of North Carolina, March 21-26. Dr. Wilcox will join two other men in representing Texas at the conference. They are J. B. Rutland, state director of resource education and T. R. Buie, professor at Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos.

The purpose of the conference is to provide the different state groups with an opportunity for planning and improving the use of resources and educational programs concerning state resources.

Conferences and clinics will be held at Chapel Hill to afford those attending an opportunity to discuss with staff members and consultants, and with conferees from other groups the problems which arise in the basic interest and state group meetings.

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classified at Westminster according to the lift while running the scale. The lift, she explained, is the point at which the natural tone quality of a voice changes timbre. Westminster students are taught to sing with a minimum of mouth motion, and postage stamps are sometimes used on over-expansive eyebrows, she said. A cold is not sufficient excuse to remain silent in a Westminster choir practice, she added.

Miss Carson, whose home is in Chicago, is a graduate of the University of Illinois. This is her second year at A&M as an instructor of English 210 and 301.

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