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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Democratic Student Government...

Last fall representative student government began to function on the campus. Consisting of 34 students elected from geographical areas, the Student Senate has met six times since its inception. Although no startling results have been accomplished, a step forward has been made.

The Welcoming Committee, a sub-division of the Senate, has been complimented on its work in making friends with Southwest Conference schools. The Hospital Committee plugged for many months for an ambulance to work in conjunction with hospital. The Mess Committee has proved its worth as a liaison between students and the school's commissary officers. The Student Council, acting as an executive committee for the Senate, has acted on inter-college communications and more specific individual items.

The recent action by the Exchange Store Committee demonstrates the worthiness of that one group: in co-operation with the management of the store, it obtained a book dealer who will be on the campus shortly to aid students in disposing of textbooks no longer used in courses offered by the college. The Election Committee's handling of voting qualifications and procedure involved much work and worry. Its success may be measured in the number of votes cast in senatorial elections compared to the total cast in last year's general spring elections.

There is little doubt, then, that student government is working on the A&M campus. However, there is some confusion as to the powers and duties of the senate. Certain individuals feel that some of the actions of that body are not consistent with traditional measures. . . in other words, the senate has over-stepped its bounds. But perhaps that fog can be cleared by examining more thoroughly the senate body.

Two distinct advantages may be perceived

from a cursory glance at the representative form of student government: the system is inherently democratic, and the few members of this type can accomplish much more work in a shorter time than can a large, unwieldy body of 500 or more men.

Theoretically, at least, sophomores and juniors are eligible to file for the senate race. Some members of that body have fought for inclusion of freshmen members. (Three freshmen now represent Little Aggie land in the Senate). Whether, after veterans leave A&M, those two classes will have members on that body remains to be seen. But the provision exists—and that is quite a large step forward.

The old axiom, "In numbers there is strength" may apply to armies and similar organizations. It has little foundation when the question of representative government is raised.

But a few students, as chosen representatives of the majority, can conduct business in an efficient, rapid manner. They can and will reflect the opinions of their constituents. Students are welcome to attend the senate meetings to watch their governing body in action; should a student senator cast a vote adverse to the interests of their dormitory or area, a referendum vote could be instituted to recall the recalcitrant senator. What could be simpler?

In considering all the aspects of student government, we must consider both the means and the ends. To our minds, the means is a vast improvement over previous systems. That we have pointed out. And the end . . . for individuals and groups alike, it should be the improvement of A&M College. So long as the end is concerned, there should be no grounds for disagreement. We can all look forward to a greater school, turning out more capable men each year.

World Government...

As an answer to what they consider the greatest need of our time, eleven American educators have labored two years to produce a world constitution for the Atomic Age. They realize that no nation is yet willing to surrender its "sovereignty," but something has got to be done, they believe.

Their 48-article constitution is patterned after both the American and British forms of government. It calls for a world president, a unicameral legislature, a federal convention electoral college, world courts, and an armed force.

This is how it would function: The people of the world would elect delegates, one per one million population. These delegates, representing nine geographical areas of the world, would select three nominees for president from each area. Then the entire delegation would elect the president from the 27 nominees.

The delegation would also elect 99 of its members to the unicameral world legislature.

The world president would appoint a chancellor or prime minister who would in turn choose an executive cabinet. The chancellor could be recalled if the legislature voted to do so twice at a period of three months.

The president with legislative approval would also appoint a 60-man world court or "Grand Tribunal" of which he would serve as chief justice. This tribunal would select a 7-man supreme court and name various lower courts. In the tribunal would be a "Tribune of the People" whose duty would be to "defend the natural and civil rights of the people against violation or neglect by the

world government or any of its component units."

The armed forces would be under the president and a 6-man "chamber of guardians" elected for three-year terms by the legislature and the court. No professional soldier could be a "guardian."

The duty of the "chamber of guardians" would be to control arms manufacture and regulate sizes of member state militias. The president could get "extraordinary powers" to handle emergencies by a two-thirds vote of the legislature.

"The four elements of life—earth, water, air, energy—are the common property of the human race. The management and use of such portions thereof as are vested in particular ownership . . . shall in all cases be subordinated to the common good."

However, the constitution safeguards the rights of individuals and guarantees speech, press and assembly.

The world constitution was devised under the leadership of Dr. Robert Hutchins of Chicago University. Other framers were eminent educator and law, government and political science professors of the nation.

Just as the states of the American Union require a higher regulatory power, so do the states of the world need a higher administration to iron out the kinks of petty misunderstanding and prejudice. World government in positive substance must be introduced into world affairs soon or we may find ourselves back in paleolithic times with everything rent asunder by the most disastrous of wars—the next one.

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Pills—One last chance at some pills been around here so long that we are going to throw them out. Pick any two you want and may the Lord have mercy on your soul. All guaranteed to move the bowels of the earth.

Insecticides—Guaranteed to kill every kind of anything. Sprinkle some on your vines or your husband—watch them dry up. Some of these are so old they have our most profound respect. If you are losing your mind get one package and see what it does at your own risk.

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Senate Asks for Secret Data On "Cold War" With Commies

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, March 22, (AP)—Senators called on the Truman administration today for secret data on the cold war with Communism.

Senator Bridges (R-NH) told a reporter the armed services committee hopes to find out from Secretary of State Marshall and Secretary of Defense Forrestal "if and where we intend to fight."

Both cabinet officers were summoned to a closed door meeting this afternoon. The session was called to consider President Truman's plea for temporary revival of the wartime draft and for immediate enactment of Universal Military Training.

It was to be Marshall's second appearance of the day on Capitol Hill. He was invited to sit in with Senate Foreign Relations Committee members (9 a.m. CST) during their final study of a bill to provide \$570,000,000 in economic aid to China.

Just back from a series of West Coast speeches on the administration's new stop-Russia policy, Marshall faced a busy schedule on top of his congressional engagements. At the State Department, three critical issues have arisen.

They involve: (1) a possible Russian crackdown on the Western powers in Berlin, (2) uncertainty over whether violence may flare in Trieste as a result of the surprise proposal to return that strategic port city to Italy and, (3) the country's about-face on the earlier decision to partition Palestine.

As for Marshall's and Forrestal's date with the Armed Services Committee, Bridges said he isn't sure that either will be willing to draw any line in Europe beyond which further Communist encroachment might call for American military action. But the senator added:

"Even if they don't want to tell us that, I think we have a right to know in more detail why they need more men in the armed services and what they intend to do with them."

After hearing the two cabinet members, the armed services group may decide whether it wants to go ahead with an inquiry into UMT or shift gears for a look at the draft revival proposal.

The draft plan got a week-end nudge from Senator Taft of Ohio, Chairman of the Senate's Republican Policy Committee.

Taft said in a Springfield, Ohio, speech: "If it can be shown that there is no other way in which to get the men necessary for the force determined to be essential for defense,

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Letters

Dear Editor:
With virtually every issue of the "Batt" we find the Aggies have been polluted again, and each time it is on some highly controversial issue. We personally know of no one who has ever been questioned, and after considering the number we know who have not been, we wonder if these polls are based on a representative group. The only poll we don't question is the one that seems to unanimously support the opinion that the mess hall could stand considerable improvement.

JIM RIVENBARK, '42
"SANDY" BROWN, '44
EDGAR DEMEL, '45
ED RICHIE, '46
FRED C. ZIMMERMAN, '43
C. J. LUTZ, '49"

P. S. For obvious reasons, the last signature may not indicate that individual's own opinion.

MESS HALL DIET
Editor, The Battalion:

In your note to the letter from Rudy E. Takacs you state that W. G. Dahlkemper is a dietician with experience in an army hospital during the war. You failed to state, however, what the mortality rate in the hospital was.

If Mr. Dahlkemper's idea of a good diet is one which does not vary from week to week then he is doing a splendid job.

Yours for more and bigger stomach ulcers,
DAVE FOWLER

Positions Open In Civil Service

Positions as health program specialists in the Public Health Service in Washington, D. C. and throughout the United States have been announced by the Civil Service Commission.

Salaries range from \$3,397 to \$7,102, and no written test is required.

To qualify, persons must have had three or four years experience in one or a combination of the following: program analysis and survey, teaching graduate courses in public health administration or preventive medicine, and operating a health program or project.

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'Great Issues' To Meet Wednesday

The Great Issues class will not meet at the regularly scheduled class period, Tuesday morning at 11:30 a.m., but will meet instead the following Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. to hear Roy Dickerson discuss, "Can the Disintegration of American Homes Be Effectively Checked?"

This meeting will take place in the usual assigned classroom. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in order to avoid a conflict with Dr. Bernice Moore's meeting at 8:30 p.m. of the same evening.

Methodist Group Hears Chaplain
Reverend Sam Hill, the new college chaplain, spoke at the monthly dinner of the Men's Fellowship Group of the College Station Methodist Church Wednesday night on what Faith could accomplish in world affairs. The Fellowship Group, a social

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