

Senate Action on Negro TISA Entrance Explained

Negro Schools and TISA...

THE STUDENT SENATE favors admitting Negro colleges and universities of Texas to the TISA.

Let's investigate this statement. The Texas Intercollegiate Students Association, of which A&M is a charter member, is a group of 28 Texas universities and colleges begun two years ago to aid in promoting better student governments in member schools.

The TISA is not a social organization. It is a medium through which students may exchange ideas on all phases of college life. The Association's past two meetings have well shown it to be a worthwhile group, and this year's annual convention—on the A&M campus March 16-17—should be equally as successful.

How will the TISA benefit Negro colleges? The number of Negro colleges in Texas is quite small. Students at these schools have little or no opportunity to take advantage of student life experience on other campuses. The TISA could serve Negro colleges well.

Last spring a group of A&M's student leaders visited Prairie View A&M, one of

UN Army Should Get UN Pay

IN VIEW of the fact that American casualties give us a very substantial interest in the United Nations, we believe that our support should be on a more complete basis.

A UN army does exist in fact, and it is now engaged in a "police action" that is obscurely defined somewhere between peace and war. This implies that each man is fighting for the collective security of all nations.

The UN rules under which these men are fighting impose restriction on air operations that greatly increase the danger to ground forces. The Manchurian sanctuary would not exist in an all-out war, and this principle works to the disadvantage of U. N. forces. This alone is sufficient reason for extra pay for the fighting men and their families.

This pay, in our opinion, should be distributed by the U. N. as a supplement to the pay that each man receives from his own government. Such pay should carry no restrictions with regard to rank or country. Ill feeling might result if any other method is employed.

In the United States Congress at present, a proposed bill to pay U. S. forces serving in Korea an extra \$50 monthly for enlisted men and \$100 for officers is being kicked about. The best play would be to kick it right out of Congress and into the U. N. Along with it should go a strong note from Congress backing the measure.

Money for this U. N. payroll could be raised by a differential assessment of all member nations in proportion to their respective abilities to participate in this extra obligation.

This assessment would, in turn, increase the "equity" of each member in the establishment of a workable mechanism to prevent rule by force.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Tipping Topic Hot For MSC Diners

By DAVE COSLETT

PARDON a poor co-editor while he takes a few spare moments to let thoughts—important or not—fall where they may. Perhaps it's just professional jealousy or maybe a sudden desire to exercise one of my prerogatives. Be that as it may, I am writing this column with no further adieu.

First, a problem presented to me the other day over a cup in the MSC. Seems the question of tipping in the Coffee Shop and Dining Room of the Center has reached discussion in a few circles.

From the customer stand-point many of the regular diners are debating the advisability of dropping an extra few cents on the table for waiters and waitresses. To some the question isn't very serious, since they feel able and willing to tip.

Others, however, find the practice a strain on their budget. Yet they feel the general atmosphere, especially in the Dining Room, almost demands a tip.

The management, namely J. Wayne Stark, considers the matter from another angle. He sees the

Employee reaction was not too warm toward the idea. They feared such cards would reduce income to which they were entitled.

Waiter Ray Long, a senior who started a year or two ago in the Aggie Inn, explains that he doesn't expect a tip from every one but believes there should be no discouragement of tipping.

"I never expect a student to tip," he says, "nor do I expect any other customers to tip unless they feel they want to." Ray understands why it would be virtually impossible for an average college employee to tip, at least as a standard practice.

And, like the other employees, he doesn't gauge his service in regard to an expected tip.

The problem, as I see it, requires consideration to every viewpoint. Whether or not the signs proposed by Stark would prove detrimental to normally-expected tipping is

hard to say. The final solution is going to have to rest with the individual diner. There is no reason for him to feel compelled to tip if he finds it necessary to eat a majority of his meals at the Center. Even an occasional meal doesn't demand a tip if it would strain his budget.

Those who can afford an occasional or a steady tip should, on the other hand, be encouraged. Student or student-wife employees get a salary which has not been reduced in expectation of tipping. But when they perform their job good-humoredly and well before a demanding eating public (and I use that phrase from my own experience behind a counter) they definitely deserve whatever extra they can get.

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In Defense of Movie Exhibitors

You might call this next "the other side of the question department." It concerns a column which appeared recently on this page. And I might explain, before I begin, a persistent misunderstanding on the part of our readers.

Anything which appears in The Battalion under a byline (this column is an example) represents the opinion of the person who wrote it. It does not necessarily constitute the opinion of the paper itself.

Thus explained, I'll proceed to present (from my personal opinion) the other side of a question raised by our columnist Herman Golob. He recently reviewed "Boxoffice," a publication of the motion-picture industry. His opinion also covered

A defense of the magazine, therefore, calls for a defense of the motion-picture exhibitor. The average exhibitor is probably neither better nor worse than the average shoe salesman.

He sells wares. The wares in his case are Hollywood's motion-pictures. He sells these wares for precisely the same reason the shoe salesman sells shoes—to make money. Now the shoe salesman has an obligation to his customer. He should be sure that he sells the customer something non-injurious to the foot. But he is not obliged to question the tastes of that customer. On the contrary, he finds it a poor business policy to do so.

In the case of the exhibitor, he is working under a disadvantage. His product or wares has little necessity value. His customer proceeds on taste alone. The exhibitor, too, has the obligation to his customer to sell a non-injurious product.

But who can accurately determine how injurious the average motion picture of today is? Several have tried. Few tangible results are to be found. The exhibitor has to proceed, therefore, on the assumption that anything not obscene or immoral is non-injurious.

He builds his programs on pictures that people will come to see. Can he be blamed for that? His only other alternative is to offer a selected and "up-lifting" fare to his customers. Such a course is commendable but, in this particularly competitive racket, highly unprofitable.

Consequently, the exhibitor is compelled to stock the wares his customers will buy. He, too, often shudders at the preference expressed.

"Boxoffice," then, is his monthly notification of what merchandise is available and what the selling potentialities of that merchandise are. His contributions to the magazine are those of a business-man, not an artist. He does not profess to be the latter.

One more word about exhibitors—they're an interesting bunch of people engaged in an equally interesting business. As people they're usually intense in their work and well worth getting to know.

As to the motion-picture industry on the whole, I'm of the opinion it's

possible "I must give a tip" attitude as something that might chase away customers.

And we mustn't forget the waiters and waitresses, many of whom are students or student-wives. Their natural attitude favors the tip, since it does increase their income.

Mr. Stark recently put an idea before some of the Coffee Shop and Dining Room employees. He suggested cards be put on tables with words to the effect that "Tipping is Not Necessary to Insure Good Service."

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Editor, The Battalion:

A considerable number of criticisms have been directed at the Student Senate, and more particularly at the senators themselves, by students against the stand made by the Senate on the question of allowing Negro entrance to TISA.

The Senate voted to instruct our delegation to vote yes if the question of admittance arose at the convention. These criticisms have possibly stemmed from misconceptions and I hope that through this letter I can give to you a clear picture of what was done and why.

The Texas Intercollegiate Students Association is composed of student government representatives from 28 Texas schools, and was created to help member schools solve student government problems. Various phases of student government are discussed at the annual convention in the hope that each school will take from the discussions some new ideas on how to strengthen their government systems.

For this reason the Senate felt that TISA is a good medium through which to help the Negro

to help themselves obtain better student government. It is not as if segregation in Texas schools has been discarded. If the Negro colleges can strengthen themselves through TISA then white colleges will have one less benefit to offer the Negro.

Several people have asked why the students were not informed that the question was on the agenda, so that they could discuss it with their senator. Actually, it was not on the agenda as such, but was brought up in the TISA committee report, a report which is made at each meeting, and therefore, was not a separate topic.

The senators did not know it was to be discussed at that meeting, although everyone knew that it was to be discussed in the near future, and therefore, had ample time to make up their minds on how to vote.

The men that you have elected as student senators vote the way they see fit, but since they are as representative a group as possible, they ordinarily will vote, with, rather than against, the majority.

In many cases, they are more familiar with the problems that

are voted on in the Senate than the students they represent, and in my opinion, this was the case in this controversy.

I hope that this letter has clarified the Senate's action and has answered some of the questions you may have had.

If there are any further comments or criticisms I will be glad to discuss them with you and I am sure that your representative will, too.

Bill Parse '51 President Student Senate

All letters to the editor must be signed by the writer and free from obscene and libelous references. Letter writers wanting their name withheld must make a personal request to the co-editors. No unsigned letters will be published.

German Student Would Be Best

Editor, The Battalion:

The Student Senate has decided to offer a scholarship in the name of the Student Body for some foreign student to come to A&M during the next school year. In the next few days the Student Body will be asked to vote upon the country from which they desire the student to come. The countries recommended by the committee of the Senate which thoroughly investigated the matter are Germany, Austria, or Norway.

I would like to urge students to vote in favor of bringing a student over from Germany in preference to any other country I can think of. Although we fought against them in the last war, it is beginning to look like we will fight with them in this one. Of the three countries listed, Germany has by far the most military potential. Also, Germany is probably less on the side of the democratic nations than the other two, and therefore needs an ambassador to go back to the country and tell them what a wonderful place the United States and A&M are, more than the other two need it.

The State Department is urging students to come over from the occupied countries to learn the democratic way of life. I think A&M could best do its part in the coming international holocaust by bringing over a student from Germany to help get them on our side.

Joe Fuller '49

Griffith Will Be Sigma Xi Speaker

"The Utilization of Dietary Protein" will be discussed by Dr. H. Griffith, in a public lecture sponsored by Sigma Xi Club, Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the lecture room of the Biological Sciences Building.

Dr. Griffith is chairman of the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition of the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, President of the American Institute of Nutrition and a Fellow of the American Public Health Association.

He serves on the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council and as a consultant to the U. S. Public Health Service and to the Department of the Army.

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