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Everything Has Its Value—Even Campus Politics!

WITH TODAY'S RUN-OFF another year's campus elections will have come to a close. The elections are mostly the same as years come and go; only the candidates change. This one was clean but hard-fought—a good election as elections go.

Each candidate, whether he won the office he sought or whether he lost, has gained in more ways than he possibly realizes.

Collegiate politics are not so much different from national politics. The principles are the same in any case. Running a campus political machine gives the candidate an insight into the problems national leaders face. He will appreciate the difficulties and will lend a more sympathetic ear to the workings of the governmental agencies.

Running a political machine has given the candidate an opportunity to meet and know many more students on the campus than through any other one channel available. He has made many friends which he will cherish the rest of his life.

The candidates have had the job during the past month of approaching countless students for votes. They have had to become super-salesmen. They have had to sell that commodity most difficult for most men to sell—themselves. Don't think for a minute that experience will not be valuable to them when they leave school hunting for a job.

Yes, these political aspirants have probably cut classes, missed meals, and sat up until the wee hours. They have probably lost sleep by the hour and weight by the pound—but it is worth it to the last hour and the last pound.

Looking at the War

"WE SUGGEST that the ideal which America should strive for is an orderly international society living in accordance with the democratic way of life. We believe it is America's obligation to pursue that end and its destiny to help in effecting realization of that ideal. This 'way of life,' embracing social and cultural as well as political democracy, is of such scope and vision that it can never be fully realized unless all the people of the world unite to pursue it co-operatively. The problem facing America as a nation, then, is a dual one: to pave the way for future international union and also to keep alive and to extend the democratic way of life."

"Let's look at the blackest side of the picture first—suppose Britain falls. For two principal reasons, we believe that America's non-belligerency is more important to America and to the world than England's victory. (1) The chance of a clean-cut, unconditional surrender of the British people is so slight that it should not be the bogey of American policy. (2) The Nazi regime is built on a quicksand. Even a German victory over Britain would not clear the way for Nazi world domination.

"Obviously, a British victory would make the problem of establishing the basis for a just and last peace—easiest—though the victory would not per se mean the solution to the problem. We have stated our belief that America as a victorious belligerent, with the bitterness of war in its heart and the taste of triumph sweet on its lips, would be psychologically unable to offer any solution more rational than other Versailles, or worse. But America as a non-belligerent would be in a position to temper the blind fury of British demands, to prevent a mal-adjusted order which would produce another Hitler-Frankensteen, and to set up one which would give the world at least a hope of lasting peace.

"The third possible outcome of the war is stalemate. In such an eventuality the role of the United States should be to provide without bitterness the structure of an international world order based on democratic principles.

"It is not the war that we hope and believe can end all wars, but the peace after the war. It is not that we would make the world safe for democracy, but make the world a democracy. And the peace we envision is not peace in our time, but for all time."
—The Daily Princetonian—ACP

Twenty-five chaperones and 666 co-eds from Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., recently made a tour of the west.

Jean B. Wallace, sophomore vice president at Connecticut college and daughter of Vice President Henry Wallace, is following in her father's footsteps by studying Spanish.

BY DR. T. F. MAYO Where Do We Go From Here

THIS RECENT BOOK by a distinguished Englishman, Harold Laski, is recommended as a clear, short, and convincing explanation of the world situation which made the present war almost inevitable, and of Fascism-Nazism, its character and its causes. Its author is a left-wing liberal, or moderate socialist, holding high rank in the British Labor Party.

The rise of Fascism and Hitler's opportunity grew, according to Mr. Laski, out of a deep contradiction in the whole democratic ideal. Ever since the French Revolution, we (Europeans and Americans have been trying to reconcile capitalism, which makes for a centralization of power and privilege in fewer hands, with democracy, which aims at equality of opportunity. So long, he says, as our economy was expanding (finding plenty of new markets, raw materials, and chances for profitable investment), it was fairly easy to make the capitalist lion and the democratic lamb lie down in peace together. So long as the capitalists were making plenty of money, enough prosperity trickled down to the rest of us to make everybody feel that opportunity was open to all: Wages rose, jobs multiplied, small savings brought in comfortable dividends, openings appeared farther up on the ladder.

Class, however, were able and (fairly) willing to submit to taxation heavy enough to provide an increase in social services: School systems, old-age pensions, libraries, health facilities.

But now, it seems, our whole world economy is in a contracting phase. Markets, raw materials, and investment opportunities must be fought for. Popular governments, increasingly generous in providing social services, impose the necessary taxes on increasingly reluctant capitalists. Jobs and opportunities to rise become more and more scarce. Capital itself, tightly organized into monopolies, becomes alarmed at the increasing demands made on it by popular governments. One great country, dispenses with capitalism altogether, and thereby stimulates both the hopes of labor and the fears of capital in other countries.

Everything, as we now look back on events, pointed to a split between those ill-matched partners, capitalism and democracy. The split came first, naturally, in two countries where democracy had never taken very deep root. Mussolini and Hitler, rousers of the discontented and frustrated lower middle class, were backed by the capitalists because they offered to discipline labor, check socialism, and put a quietus on the troublesome popular governments that were legislating so much tax money into social services. But once set up, the dictators' gangs refused to take orders from the capitalist branches. Like other gangs, they cannot stop without cracking up. Having got a death grip on every class in their own countries, they proceed inevitably to extend their sway by the same gang methods which they used at home. And unfortunately they have found in the other democratic countries the same fatal contradiction between capitalism and democracy that gave them their chance in their own backyard; they found in France and even in England an owning class who were so uneasy about radical tendencies at home that they were for a fatal seven years, inclined to "appease" the "strong men" who seemed magnificently capable of squelching radicalism once and for all. This "appeasement" policy, gave the gangs their start. Hinc illas lacrymae!

Mr. Laski's servitude is as follows: let the capitalists serving capitalistic democracies prove that capitalism and democracy can live together. This can be done, he thinks, only by a vigorous extension of the "social services" and benefits to the poor man which have always been the reconciling links between capitalism and democracy.

Doesn't this seem to make sense?

As the World Turns...

BY "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF
THE BATTLE OF GREECE is nearing its final stages. The allies admit their reverses and are now making preparations for the final stand before Athens is attacked by the Germans. The military leaders of Greece must have anticipated the grim results of the Balkan campaign.

They faced a highly mechanized German legions and Hitler's brilliant strategy with a stoic courage but with little effective equipment. General Dushan Sinkovitch comment at Athens the other day tells a lot in a few words. He said "We had no plans for a united front against the Germans." Still their courage is evidence that Hitler cannot browbeat all his enemies to an abject submission. The Greek Armies in Albania and on the Macedonia plains have the high regard of the world. And that high regard will ever remain as a credit to the Greeks when the final settlement is made at the peace conference. The battle of Greece should bring home to us the tragedy of the unprepared.

Our National Defense program calls for more and higher taxes. The recent events in the Near East and the coming battle of the Atlantic cause official Washington some concern. The estimated expenditures for our national defense program are not sufficient to meet our promised aid to the democracies and our own needs. 3 1/2 billion dollars more are needed annually—a mere 37 percent increase in the present taxes. These higher taxes would, in the opinion of Secretary Morgenthau, bring the income of the Federal Government from taxes to two-thirds. The other third may be raised from defense bonds, stamp sales and even borrow from banks. This increase in taxes should not be considered as the peak for national defense. It might be necessary (and no doubt it will be) to boost our taxes higher than what has been proposed. England, Canada, and Australia are digging deep into the peoples' income. A \$5,000 income in the United States is taxed \$75.00; in Canada, \$391.00; in England, \$1,655.00; and in Australia, \$1,052.00. We might soon be forced to adopt the slogan, "Whenever you see commodity, an income, or a profit, tax it." Higher taxes would tend to an inflation of prices.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann
"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster

Touch and Go . . . As usual, the general campus elections witnessed some gag voting. Last year Superman and Micky Mouse edged official aspirants out of four votes and A. Hitler ran third in the unannounced candidates' race with one vote. This year the comic strip characters failed to scratch but Adolph and Bennie upped in popularity with two votes each. One ballot was signed "Yehudi" . . . The Kyser broadcast, originally scheduled to be aired from the A. & M. campus Wednesday night, was heard from Randolph Field . . . Part of a letter recently received by Lieut. Col. James A. Watson reads: "As you probably know, we have a number of Texas A. & M. graduates on active duty with this regiment. In view of the splendid training A. & M. cadets receive prior to active duty, I feel that we could use to good advantage any members of this year's class who desire duty with our regiment." . . . Western Union Telegraph Company charges 70 cents to wire a money order from College Station to San Antonio. Imagine, then, the surprise of local W. U. employees when a cadet wired a three-cent stamp to the Alamo city—charges, 73 cents! . . . Look for action in the current arbitration case filed by the Campus Theater to secure day-and-date motion pictures with nearby Bryan. Saturday's Battalion will probably contain an article which will point out, among other things, that (1) the senior class committee composed of Cadet Colonel Bill Becker, Student Engineering Council President Ben Elliott and the writer will select, with theater owner Ben Ferguson, the arbitrator for the case from a list of eligibles who are members of the American Arbitration Association and (2) an important factor in the deal not yet ready for publication. . . . Jimmie Mundell, Houston Post photographer, will be on the campus Saturday to picture the Duke Ellington corps dance for Post readers.



Fuermann

Resolved. By the Senate of Texas that we congratulate the student body of the University of Texas on their choice for editor of "The Cactus," and extend to Mr. Wayne Stark our best wishes for success in his new undertaking." Dated April 15, the resolution is signed by Lieutenant Governor Coke Stevenson, president of the Senate and Bob Barker, secretary of the Senate.

The May Coronet

The pocket-size Coronet magazine plugs A. & M. in its May issue with a feature article on Keyes Carson, self-styled all-American hitch-hiker, authored by Loring Schuler.

Titled "Thumbs Across the Continent," the article is headed, "Found: A system to help motorists distinguish between a hitchhiking college boy and a hijacking hobo." The mag hits the stands April 25 and, when you read the article, you'll find that the lead says, "A tall, enterprising Texas ranch boy, Keyes F. Carson Jr., has discovered and shared with other college lads a sure-fire technique which enables them to wrangle rides in strangers' cars."

From there the article goes on to tell how the "Texas ranch boy" organized the so-called National College-University Travel club, although the official name of the organization does not appear in the article.

Tops is the sentence which reads, "He avoids women if he can. They are more reckless drivers than men and more expensive, too!"

Jitterbug

Aggies believing that the heyday of A. & M. athletics is history are a little wrong. Bill (Jitterbug) Henderson may individually wrack up enough publicity in the next year on a national scale to make Texas A. & M. a household word for another football season. A recent Associated Press release (dated April 21) tells the highlights of his sports career, but the tale concerning the birth of his nickname is the interest here.

In Houston one weekend—and without finances—he noticed a neighborhood theater advertising \$10 for the best exhibition of the then-and-still-popular jitterbug stomp. Bill picked out an attractive belle and quizzed, "Can ya dance?" She could—and they won the contest, splitting the prize money.

Sociology Club to Hear Two Speakers

W. O. Alexander of Houston, field representative for the N.Y.A. and Orland R. Mason of Brenham, area project employment officer for the W.P.A., will address the meeting of the Rural Sociology club tonight.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 in room 203 of the agriculture building. Alexander will discuss the program of the National Youth Administration in Texas and Mason has not announced his subject.

Indiana university recently opened its \$1,000,000 hall of music.

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A famous band is coming this week for the usual regimental and corps dance and for a special Town Hall program. DUKE ELLINGTON is the swing band that was promised with the Town Hall series, and a good one he'll be. Because of arrangements which were difficult to make, the Town Hall program will be held in the old mess hall instead of the usual Guion Hall. The Duke will only have to set up his instruments once that way, and then there has to be a slight monetary consideration if he is to play in an auditorium. But the music will be the same and just as good. The program starts at 7:30.

It is very seldom that a motion picture company can try to make a picture around nothing but a popular song title and have much success. By the time the show can be written and produced the song no longer is popular, and just a song title is such a flimsy plot anyhow to try to make a decent full length movie. Just recall the prom-

inent failure "The Music Goes Around and Around."

"SIX LESSONS FROM MADAME LA ZONGA" is another of the same caliber. Universal just had a song title and nothing to do with it. They did practically nothing with it. It concerns a boatload of phony people with an overpowering desire to rhumba. Fiery Lupe Valez is really a decent actress if they would just give her decent roles, but there doesn't seem to be much hope for Leon Errol. He is physically a miniature edition of Edgar Kennedy but he has a few more silly spells.

The plot is weak, the jokes are old, and the song has passed its popularity peak. The upswing of the la conga has even thrown the rhumba practically off the dance floor. Helen Parrish is nice looking in this show, but she is anyhow. One lesson would have been plenty.

WHAT'S SHOWING AT THE CAMPUS

Thursday
"SANTA FE TRAIL", starring Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Raymond Massey, Ronald Reagan and Alan Hale. Also "RIDE KELLY RIDE", with Eugene Pallette, Morris Stephens, Rita Quigley and Mary Healey.

Friday
"SIX LESSONS FROM MADAME LA ZONGA", with Lupe Valez, Leon Errol, Helen Parrish, Charles Lang, William Frawley, and Eddie Quilian.

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
Thursday - 3:30 & 6:45
"COME LIVE WITH ME", starring James Stewart, Hedy Lamarr, Ian Hunter, Veree Teasdale and Donald Meek.

Friday - 3:30 & 6:45
"EAST OF THE RIVER", benefit of the Junior Collegiate chapter of the F.F.A.

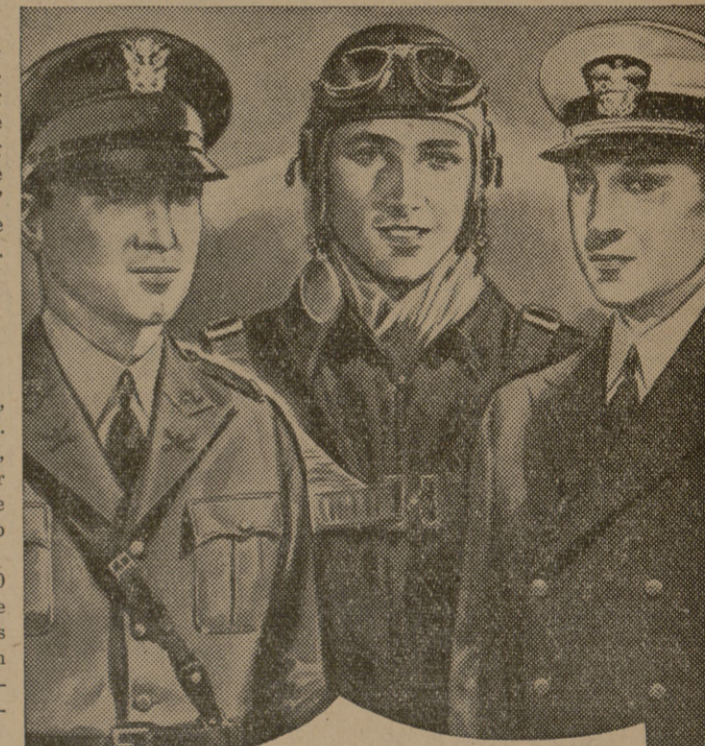
Annual Flower Show Is Friday Afternoon

A flowery display will treat visitors to the Administration building Friday afternoon between 2:30 and 6:30 when the Fourth Annual Flower Show given by the A. & M. Garden Club takes place.

In charge of the show is Mrs. J. S. Doane, general chairman. The following women are in charge of the various committees: Mrs. Albert Stevens, arrangements; Mrs. J. S. Mogford, classifications; Mrs. S. H. Yarnell, entries; and Mrs. D. W. Williams, hostesses.

Judges of the events will be accredited judges from the Texas Federation of Garden Clubs; Mrs. L. H. Williams, Mrs. Allen Woodward, and Mrs. F. H. Huweiler, all of Houston.

Approximately a quarter of a million evergreens have been planted in the shelterbelts of Northwest Texas.



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