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The World Turns On

By DR. C. C. DOAK

In Review—Two weeks ago an effort was made to show that the existence of modern science is contingent upon constancy, and predictability of natural law. Last week an effort was made to show that in social groups predictable behavior, as exemplified in individual and group disciplines, is essential to harmonious working together of animals in packs, people in groups, nations in leagues. Each in its turn depends for success upon the principle of disciplined loyalty of the constituents to the group. Picture, for instance, what damage was threatened last week by the return of disloyal "American Citizens" (American traitors) in the role of Nazi saboteurs. What would happen if all our citizens should prove equally untrustworthy? Weigh in your mind the world-shaking results of the vacillations of the French nation during the past two years. By her very unpredictability she has been in effect an ally of Hitler.

Predictable behavior is based upon loyalties—Loyalty implies that one will react according to the pattern or law of his group even though he suffers individually from the act. Aggies fight for "Old Army." The team will scrap for the college. The dean will defend "My Boys." The teacher will stand by his class. The captain stays with his ship. We have not one but many loyalties, and these pre-determine our actions.

Anarchy is the result of loyalty to individual self interest. The group counts for nothing; the individual is everything.

Totalitarianism is the result of blind or forced loyalty to a leader. With the Nazi, group interest counts for everything; the life of the individual counts for nothing.

In a democracy there are as many types of loyalty as there are individuals. Each person is free to weigh his own information and act upon it. It is not surprising, therefore, that Americans range all the way from rank anarchists through all shades of loyalties to blatant totalitarians such as those now being tried for treason.

Growing Loyalties Versus Treachery—Democratic freedom implies freedom to change loyalties. When we look about us, we are astonished at the changes that have taken place in the minds and hearts of our people since Pearl Harbor. Suppose that on that fateful day all our loyalties had been frozen. Each man would have stuck by, and fought for, the views which he held at that time. Progress toward national unity would have been impossible. It is a sign of open-minded growth, and not a sign of weakness, to change views when circumstances are altered. Our former isolationists are not traitors for having abandoned the lesser for the greater loyalty.

Reaction at Saturday's Rally—You can predict an Aggie's reaction to attacks upon his college. This proves our unswerving loyalty, but judged by certain reactions seen and heard at Saturday's rally, individuals among us need to widen the fields of our loyalties. One is not less loyal to A. & M. because he is loyal to the navy, the army, or to the cause of democracy. One is not disloyal when he admits that the enemy has some better fighting equipment than we have on our side. Somebody in the audience scored ZERO on the untimely "raspberry" about fighting planes.

Signed replies to this column are solicited.

of all struggles. Argentina, an asset whichever way she falls, refuses to succumb to either side's beckons but seems to be courting all the favors possible from both contingents—in short, she's playing "hard to get" and doing so profitably. Perhaps her government knows today which road she shall eventually take but finds it a lot more profitable to wait and receive all the gifts being given until which time one party or the other loses all patience and pushes her out instead of trying to bait her any more. At the least it is a most mercenary attitude and an indiscreet use of her honor which she professes is untarnished. I venture to guess too, it will be a most unprofitable game if carried much further, as there's a limit to everyone's patience, and particularly to one of the strugglers who despite having Latin neighbors has no mañana; for they must fight tomorrow's battle today if they are to triumph.

Now Argentina is probably more European than any other of the western hemisphere nations, but still she's ostensibly and basically Latin in every respect. However, this by no fashion is a plausible excuse for her recent and past actions in the field of international relations. Argentina is really within the limits of the camp of one of the two combatants but so far is only an onlooker, so she claims. It's awfully hard to live with a man and not be compatible with him but if such a situation arises, there can only be one outcome, a definite break between the two or an agreement of some sort with a complete understanding so as to put each other into the light as to what is the other's position or feelings.

If these men who are fighting are each seeking an answer from this Argentinian maid, all they can go on are her actions and insinuations if she refuses to speak orally. But the old adage is still revered and her actions do speak louder than words and Argentina must know it. And she must know that unless she revokes the implications given by them they are going to be final. And they are going to be final to such an extent that she'll find herself an outcast of a group from which she can't geographically escape, most unfortunately. No society wishes to have to contend with undesirables, so señorita, beware your step or thou may get spanked roundly and soundly and sent to bed for a very long time with only beef and mate for supper.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Stand by for a crash landing, Sarge!"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

Keep It Waving

In at least one college mess hall in the U. S. there is a clever method of persuading the diners to go easy on the sugar. At the University of Missouri they stick a small American flag in the middle of the sugar bowl as a reminder . . . and the idea works. The second teaspoon of sugar makes the tea or coffee taste bitter—after a glance at the red, white and blue . . . and besides, the kids hate to take the sugar out and let the flag fall.

Sweepings

Our Hero: Ensign George Gay, who threw a real old-fashioned tear in front of Hart Hall Saturday . . . the only difference being, he "gave" and then "took" from everybody . . . he had a fine time . . . A San Marcos student burst into class a half hour late, hair tangled, make-up absent, panting heavily, and displaying other symptoms of a delayed alarm clock. "You should have been here 30 minutes ago," snapped the prof, "Why?" she returned. "What happened?" . . . We always suspiciously: A TSCW instructor recently phoned the commissary and asked them to send out some brains for her class . . . This writer has a high school class ring (Ysleta, '42) found on Kyle Field Sunday . . . call and identify . . . Correction: The number of Texans and A. & M. men in the Tokyo raid has been reported in at least four papers in four different ways (we reported two, which is wrong). This time we say there were 16 Texans in the raid, of which four are Aggie-Exes: Lt. Col. "Jack" Hilger, '32; Lt. R. M. "Bob" Gray, '41; Lt. W. N. Fitzhugh, '36; Lt. James Parker, '41 . . . Aggie-Exes J. O. Alexander, George Gorzycki, and Marshal Spivey have transferred to the QMC and are roommates at Brownwood . . . Hold your nose, here it comes: Mary had a little lamb, it drank some gasoline, then it wandered near a flame, and since has not benzine . . . The new dance slab, scheduled to be finished for the big August 1 dance, will be maroon cement (94 by 110 feet) . . . the bandsand possibly will be white to carry out the school color scheme . . . START ANGLING now for a good date for the August 1 opening of the open air floor. It's going to be one of the summer's biggest and bestest . . . An old maid went for a tramp in the woods . . . the tramp got away.

Several New Jobs Available Under Civil Service

The United States Civil Service Commission today issued a new announcement for Custodial Officers, junior grade, and modified its requirements for Junior Public Health Nurse. It also extended until further notice the acceptance of applications for Radio Monitoring Officer, \$2,600 and \$3,200 a year, and for Bindery Operative for the Government Printing Office, 66 cents an hour.

Custodial officers will be appointed to the Department of Justice's Federal Prison service, the entire personnel of which is under civil service. The salary for the junior grade is \$1,860 a year. Promotions are made on merit and demonstrated ability. The work of appointees may include receiving inmates and instructing them in prison rules; laying out work assignments and supervising groups of inmates employed upon construction work, labor details, laundry and other maintenance shops, and farm work; acting as referee and directing recreational activities; and assisting in rehabilitative work.

Applicants for custodial officer positions must be men between 25 and 58 years of age, in good physical condition, and of fearless and strong character. A written general test will be given to measure aptitude for adjusting to the duties. Applications must be filed with the Commission's Washington office not later than August 11, 1942.

For Junior Public Health Nurse positions, \$1,800 a year, there are now no age limits. Registered nurses who have graduated subsequent to January 1, 1920, from an accredited school of nursing having a daily average of 100 or more patients, and have completed or are enrolled in an approved course covering 1 academic year in Public Health Nursing, may apply. One year of supervised experience in general public health nursing may be substituted for one half of the year's study in public health nursing. The physical requirements have been greatly modified. No written test is required. Positions will be filled in the Public Health Service and the Indian Service. Applications must be filed with the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C., and will be accepted until further notice.

Full information as to the requirements for these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained at the post office at College Station, or from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first- or second-class post office.

18,000 Texas Homes Enjoy FSA Mattresses

Eighteen thousand families on small farms and ranches in Texas enjoyed comfortable home-made mattresses and warm comforters during the past winter, according to Miss Mattie A. Trickey, state home management supervisor of the Farm Security Administration. "Under the direction of FSA home management supervisors, men and women from low-income farm families made 23,745 mattresses and 34,474 comforters during the past year and a half," Miss Trickey said. Cotton and cotton goods furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Administration, another agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, went into the mattresses and comforters.

Throwing lighted cigarettes out of car windows is a violation of the law in California.

WHAT'S SHOWING

At the Campus

Tuesday, Wednesday — "Butch Minds the Baby" with Broderick Crawford, Dick Foran and Virginia Bruce. Also, "Cockeyed Sailors."

At Guion Hall

Tuesday, Wednesday—"The Corsican Brothers," Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Ruth Warrick and Akim Tamiroff.

COVERING campus distractions

By JACK KEITH

The story of a pair of twins in old Corsica is told in "CORSIKAN BROTHERS," showing at Guion Hall Tuesday and Wednesday. Stars of the movie are Doug Fairbanks, Jr., Ruth Warrick and Akim Tamiroff.

Fairbanks plays a dual role as the two twins, sons of Countess Franchi. At the birth of the twins, the entire Franchi family is wiped out by their feuding enemies with the exception of the new-born twins. For safety's sake, friends of the family separate the twins, bring one up in the Corsican forests and the other in Paris.

Twenty-one years later the twins meet in the forest and set out to avenge the deaths in their family caused by the Colonnas—their feuding neighbors. But these are not ordinary brothers. They are so bound together in their souls that each feels the emotions, pain and suffering of the other.

Both brothers are in love with one girl, Ruth Warrick, as is their arch-enemy Akim Tamiroff, head of the Colonna family. One of the Corsicans comes through all the fighting and blood-shed and wins the hand of the fair lady.

The Lowdown: we dare you not to like it.

For those who read Damon Runyon's stories of American gangster life, "BUTCH MINDS THE BABY," showing at the Campus today and tomorrow, is a true-to-form picturization of a typical Runyon story. Chief characters in the comedy are Broderick Crawford, Dick Foran and Virginia Bruce.

As a convict on parole, Broderick Crawford is ready to join his safe-cracking buddies and follow the crooked and wide trail instead of the straight and narrow one, when Dick Foran the cop steps in and insists on Butch taking a legitimate job. With his job as janitor in an apartment house, he comes in contact with a young widow and her baby. The rest of the story involves Butch and the baby.

The Lowdown: will tickle your funny-bone.

"Chaperone your cigarettes—they should not be allowed to go out alone," warns Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, as he points out that a high ratio of residence fires are known to start from lighted cigarettes carelessly tossed aside.

Tabulating equipment operators are wanted for positions as supervisor, \$2,000 a year, junior supervisor, \$1,800 a year, and senior operator, \$1,620 a year. Applicants for supervisor positions must have had at least 1 year of appropriate supervisory experience which included responsibility for the wiring or the setting of control pins of all equipment. At least 6 months of experience operating an alphabetic tabulating machine is required for the \$1,620 positions. Applicants must be over 18 years. No written test is given.

Junior calculating machine operators paying \$1,440 a year, will be given a practical test; exercises in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division must be performed directly on the machine. The lower age limit is 18 years. Sufficiently qualified persons to meet anticipated needs were not obtained from the recent calculating machine operator examination. Persons who receive eligible ratings under the previous announcement need not apply again.

The Commission is seeking additional public health nurses for the Indian Service, including Alaska, and the Public Health Service; and graduate nurses for general staff duty in the Indian Service, including Alaska. Registered nurses with appropriate nursing education and experience may apply. Graduation from high school is no longer required.

Campus

4-1181
Box Office Open Till 10 P.M.

Double Feature
TODAY -- TOMORROW
"Three Cockeyed Sailors"

1:00 - 3:50 - 6:40 - 9:30

"BUTCH MINDS THE BABY"

with
Brod Crawford Dick Foran
Virginia Bruce

2:18 - 5:08 - 7:58 - 10:48

Plus
Porkey Pig Cartoon
"Porkey's Midnight Matinee"

MOVIE

Guion Hall

Tuesday and Wednesday

3:30 and 7:00 P. M.

Corsican Brothers

with

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

Ruth Warrick Akim Tamiroff

Comedy and News Reel

Coming

Thursday and Friday

LARCENY, Inc.

Recreation Survey

Never before in the history of A. & M. has there been as great a need for a well-rounded recreational program as at the present time. There is a demand far exceeding expectations for recreational facilities. Because of this growing problem the student body is asked to help in finding and working out the solution.

Through the cooperation of the landscape art and physical education departments questionnaires will be distributed to the various organizations and then passed on to the men to be filled out. The purpose of the questionnaire is to make a survey of the corps to find which sports are the most popular and which are in the most demand. After completing this check-up the recreational program will try to follow the choice of the corps and provide the facilities for the sports which are most popular with the students.

The success of this undertaking will rest with the students. This question is important to every man who desires to develop himself physically. Fill out the questionnaire conscientiously, for your decisions will be final.

Aims of a College Newspaper

Thomas E. Cassidy of the department of English at St. John's university, Collegeville, Minn., submits the following article written by an undergraduate, James Cullen:

The college newspaper has two primary functions. (1) As a newspaper it should serve as a clearing house of information and publicity for the college and its activities. (2) As the organ of the institution it should interpret the news, formulate and direct student opinion and endeavor to reflect the best and the finest characteristics of the school in its articles so that it may favorably impress any "alien" readers.

College news should contain all the adjectives (complete, concise, accurate, unbiased, etc., ad inf., ad naus.) used to describe good journalism. The style and content of the stories may be closely modeled on professional news work. Nonetheless, college journalism does differ from professional work in that news is more personal and informal in a college paper. The smaller college and even the larger college paper can speak of an individual on familiar terms that will be almost completely understood by both the students and the faculty. The clever use of the feature story and the intimate community life of a college makes it possible to give writeups of famous visitors and important events an informal slant that would be far too familiar elsewhere.

All news stories in a college paper are subservient to the paper's policy and may be utilized as tools to influence opinion or to create an impression. Favoritism or prejudice toward an individual or group, "burying" or overplaying a story, or cheaply "press-agenting" a college are flagrant violations of this privilege and as such are unethical. Giving a group a boost in its new campaign, helping a team or coach out of a hole and taking the wind out of "swellhead" groups are illustrative of the discreet use of this right. The place for criticism is in the editorial page or in the feature columns; elsewhere it is mere backbiting and cowardice.—ACP

War Commentations

By Walter F. Goodman, Jr.

Latins in their private life and in their public or political life are famous for their indifference and mañana attitude. For years this has been willfully condoned and passed over with a smile by more energetic and more time-minded peoples as an inherent and in-born trait but there are limits to everything, even national custom.

Today Argentina is playing a dangerous game; she's on the fence and from all aspects she refuses to get off. This fence runs between two enemy camps locked in mortal combat with each soliciting all the help and aid it can to help it to victory in its greatest