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The World Turns On

By DR. R. W. STEEN

Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru and their followers are playing for high stakes in India, and it is difficult to see what they hope to win. They are demanding that Britain grant India immediate and full independence. Britain has only recently refused to do this, but countered with an offer of complete independence after the war in return for Indian assistance during the war. This offer the Indians rejected. It is now declared that a campaign of passive resistance will be instituted and that a general strike may be called. In either case the British will be faced with the problem of putting down some opposition in India, and this will of course interfere with the conduct of the war against Japan. Gandhi assumes something of a comic appearance when he declares that the only opposition he would favor offering to a Japanese invasion would be that of passive resistance.

India has sought freedom for many years. It must be conceded of course that Britain holds her position in India because of past imperialism. It should also be conceded that English rule in India has, on the whole, been quite generous. The evils of Japanese imperialism should loom large in India, yet Gandhi and Nehru seem willing to take that chance. Moreover, they are taking some other chances. There are many groups and many parties in England. There is no assurance that any appreciable percentage of the Indian people will rise in response to the call of these leaders. If they do not, then Gandhi and Nehru will have lost their positions as leaders of the Congress Party.

There is a report that a compromise acceptable to both the British and the Indians may arise at the last minute. There is a suggestion that a guarantee of Indian independence by the United Nations would satisfy the Indians. Such a guarantee would doubtless be acceptable to the British. Such a compromise would be purely a face saving gesture for Gandhi and Nehru, since they have already been offered complete independence after the war.

In the years since the automobile was introduced practically all of the buggy and carriage makers have gone out of business. A few turned to the manufacture of automobiles but usually without success. One buggy maker, however, more hard headed than the rest, was convinced that the automobile was no more than a passing fancy and that buggies would one day come back. That day has now arrived and his small plant is positively swamped with orders. The odd thing is that the horse and buggy period is returning because of the needs of a mechanized war.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



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"Guess what, dear! The major let me name a tank after you!"

BACKWASH By Jack Hood

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

The Grove—At Last...

Plans for the open air dance spot began when Joe Skiles was Student Activities Director... it started in a joking way when some wit suggested it would be nice to have a Sky Terrace atop the new mess hall—and someone else asked where you could get a fence fifty feet high topped off with barbed wire and broken glass to keep Aggies from falling off.

Later, plans took up a serious tint. After that, it was a hard road... budget cut down, building materials scarce, etc... final results: "The Grove".

Blond Bombshell Ina Ray Hutton will to night become the first "name" band to play "The Grove". Born in Chicago March 13, 1917, a chestnut hair, blue eyes, curvilinear, saucy nose, sings in a torchy manner, dances in Broadway tradition: taps to snakehips—that's Ina Ray.

Just Small Change...

Back in the Depression Days when President Roosevelt declared a bank holiday, Norman Reilly Raine was in Canada writing for Hollywood. Like nearly everyone else, he was caught without pocket money when the banks closed. He wired his wife in Hollywood, but, no luck... she was broke, too. Next, he tried the banks, but they wouldn't take a check on a U. S. bank. So he retired to his hotel room, unlimbered his typewriter, and settled down for a night's work. The next morning he had completed a short story and two articles. Using a little diplomacy (dignified word for brain power), he got two publishers to bidding for his work. Shortly later he accepted \$750 for the short story and \$100 each for the articles... then he wired his wife household money. 950 bucks for a night's work—Why???

and it was the only time he has had to depend on his profession for immediate cash.

You're The One...

NOBODY ELSE CAN DO IT: The Aggieldand has been added to the ballot which decides the band that will play the Fitch Band Wagon in this section... your letters did the trick. Now it's again up to us... no one else can do it. Voting will be in drug stores (see front page for listing) August 9 to 23... one vote with a two-bit purchase. We have a \$343, 082 power in drugstores alone (annually) and it's concentrated right here...

Naughty, Naughty!!

We just can't figure it out: T'other day after grades were posted, a student walked into the lecture room of Francis Hall... a chestnut hair, blue eyes, curvilinear, saucy nose, sings in a torchy manner, dances in Broadway tradition: taps to snakehips—that's Ina Ray.

Sweepings...

Lovely Jean Dickenson, who appears here on Town Hall August 21, last week married an old boy friend. They have known each other since she was 13... Norman Raine estimated that at least one-third of "We've Never Been Licked" will be filmed on the campus... the principle actors, writer, and settled down for a possible, copies of the shooting script will be sent to our English Department... Friday noon, we had fish for dinner. But we don't need to publicize that; you could smell it in Dallas. We saw boys march to the door of Sbis, turn, and go to the gate for dinner. One boy walked out, took a deep breath of fresh air, and nearly fainted... Why???

Fitch Band Wagon

The chips are down as far as the Aggieldand and the Fitch Summer Band Wagon are concerned. What Aggies have done by writing in the past was to put the band on the ballot and the final voting for the selection of the band to represent this section at Dallas. A good job has been done so far, and the band couldn't be kept out of the final selections with the many letters pouring in to Band Wagon headquarters.

But what happens in the next two weeks between August 9 and 23 will determine whether or not the Aggieldand appears on the NBC program which will be broadcast over WFAA at Dallas. It all depends on the number of votes which will be cast for the Aggieldand in competition with other bands of this region. There are a number of cities which compose the Dallas district and in which voting may be done, and through friends in these cities Aggies should push the Aggieldand Orchestra.

Get busy Aggies, and turn in your vote whenever you go to one of the drug stores and purchase 25 cents worth of merchandise. Remember that the job isn't finished and what you do in the next two weeks will determine the outcome.

Most people believe the achievements of war more important than those of peace, but this is a mistake.

Student Interest

Whether a newspaper is the smallest 4-page sheet, or the largest multi-paged metropolitan paper, it cannot find out all the news itself. No paper on earth has a staff large enough to be everywhere at the same time, even in the paper's own territory.

Every newspaper depends for a large amount of its news on the helpfulness and the self-interest of others. If there is a public meeting in a community, a newspaper is glad to publicize that meeting, but it first has to be informed about it.

Promotions, deaths, meetings, anniversaries, social events... all these are news. People have a natural and legitimate interest in each other, and a newspaper fulfills a definite service when it carries such news of the people in its territory. But first the paper has to be informed of these.

If a paper knows about the news and fails to print it because of personal prejudice (and not because of lack of space), it isn't worthy of the name of a newspaper in this democratic country.

Frequently The Battalion fails to discover a newsworthy happening, and consequently the item doesn't appear. In this office, people who send or bring in news items aren't considered publicity seekers. Far from it. A paper can serve its readers by acting as the publicity medium of legitimate causes and undertakings and plain, ordinary human events, and persons who help a paper in such a fashion are helping make their school a more interesting place.

When you know of news other people would be interested in knowing about, The Battalion appreciates your assistance.

A college newspaper should reflect the newsworthy activities of the entire campus and The Battalion wants to do just that. We take the right to express our opinions in the editorial column and the corps may express theirs in the Open Forum, but in the news columns The Battalion has no favorites.

If it doesn't print a legitimate news item, it's because it didn't hear about it. Any newspaper is dependent in a large measure on its readers for much of its news. We appreciate your help.

—C. C. F.

But if anyone will note the abundance of water skillfully brought into the city, for public uses, for baths, for public basins, for houses, runnels, suburban gardens, and villas; if he will note the high aqueducts required for maintaining the proper elevation; the mountains which had to be pierced for the same reason and the valleys it was necessary to fill up; he will conclude that the whole terrestrial orb offers nothing more marvelous.—Pliny the Elder.

This Collegiate World

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General physique of American college students seems to be improving, if posture pictures of some 4,000 freshmen admitted to Brown university in the last 10 years are a fair sampling.

A survey by Prof. Leslie E. Swain of the department of physical education at Brown shows that 81.1 per cent of this year's freshman class has posture ratings of "good" and "excellent" as compared with 75 per cent a decade ago. Only 18.9 per cent of this year's freshmen have "poor" postures as against 25 per cent of freshmen admitted in 1931-32.

Prof. Swain's findings are based upon mathematical measurements of silhouette pictures of all freshmen.

"The greater attention given to physical education on the part of secondary schools is doubtless one of the chief reasons for improved posture and general physical improvement," he said. "Since all-around exercise tends to develop good builds and also to make muscular systems symmetrical and well-balanced, it tends to be true that good posture is correlated with good physique."

"Bad" tempers are often better than "good" ones, but a medium temper is the best of all, conclude two Northwestern university psychologists.

Dr. Graydon L. Freeman and Ernest Haggard tested 20 boys' emotional arousal by playing a game in which, as in professional gambling, they could not win.

Emotional reaction was studied by means of measurements of perspiration on the palms. Muscular reactions also were studied, to determine what sort of action the boy attempted to counteract his losses.

Conclusions:

1. The original nervous perspiration of an individual has no relation to his behavior during periods of anger.

2. In a stressful situation, the person who reacts outwardly—shows a temper—will recover internal stability sooner than a person who remains outwardly calm—has a "good" temper.

3. The person who directs his energies directly toward his problem recovers inwardly faster than either the outwardly calm person or the violent one who does not attack the problem directly.

4. In a stressful situation a person who is emotionally excitable and becomes excessively aroused will "cool off" more slowly than the person who reacts moderately.

Militarism does not consist in the existence of any army. Militarism is a spirit. It is a point of view. It is a system. It is a purpose. The purpose of militarism is to use armies for aggression.—Woodrow Wilson, Speech, West Point, June 13, 1916.

Miss Mary Mims Added to Co-op Meeting Aug 10-12

Miss Mary Mims, extension specialist from Louisiana State University, has been added to a list of speakers for the fifth annual Texas Co-operative Institute, to be held here by A. & M. College August 10-12.

J. Wheeler Barger, head of the college's department of agricultural economics and general chairman of the institute, said that Miss Mims will speak to the assembled representatives of Texas co-operative organizations at luncheon August 11. Her subject will be "Challenges at the Crossroads of Government."

Miss Mims brings a rich background of experience in organization of co-operatives to her Texas audience. She has studied co-ops in operation in Norway, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France and the United Kingdom, as well as in almost every state of the union.

This year she has delivered a series of talks to farm bureau organizations throughout the middle west.

Other spotlight speakers are Dr.

O. W. Hermann, acting head of the co-operative research and service division, Farm Credit Administration; and Ezra T. Benson, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives.

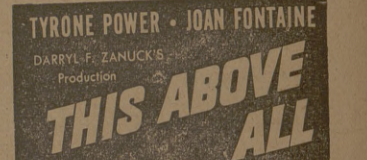


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