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Last Chance

This week-end is the last opportunity that Aggies will have to cast their votes for the Aggeland Orchestra in their drive to appear on the Fitch Band Wagon. This, should the band win, will mean much to Aggeland and Aggies everywhere.

For the past two weeks Mothers Clubs have conducted campaigns all over the state to get the orchestra the necessary support to put the band on the Wagon. Aggies themselves have supported the orchestra well, as seen by the many votes which have gone in with the Aggeland the first choice.

Let's make sure, Aggies, that our orchestra goes over the top by a wide margin. Last minute votes may win or lose the race. So if at your home this week-end work for some votes and put the Aggeland Orchestra on a nationwide hook-up.

Our Neighbors to the South

By HARRY A. CORDUA

What would you think of "experts" on our country who could not read a word of English, who could not understand a word our people said, could not read our newspapers, and then who would sit down and write a complete history about us. We have suffered even from Englishmen who have written books and articles about us based on superficial knowledge and experiences after having studied us for a few weeks or months. Why then should we expect Latin America to be less resentful of such fraudulent "experting" than we?

"Learn about Latin America says Henry G. Doyles, editor of 'Hispania,' but learn about it from experts, from scholars and teachers who have given their lives to Latin American studies, from newspapermen and businessmen and consular officers who have lived and worked for years in Latin America. For we have them, these real experts—we simply can't hear them because their voices are drowned out by those who are trying to "cash in" on a superficial, "picked up" knowledge of Latin America."

In a letter-written by a Bolivian to Mr. Doyles, after the release of Gunthers "Inside Latin America" was expressed a feeling which is prevalent throughout South and Central America. The letter contained this statement: "It is inconceivable, for instance, that in the case of Bolivia, of which country I am proud to be a citizen, and which is one of the largest of the Americas, Mr. Gunther pretends to give a version of what he saw during twenty-four hours as a true picture of things as they really are in my homeland."

The Latins may conceal their feelings with a polite word, a smile, but they are not fools—the resentment, the contempt, are there nevertheless.

WHAT LATIN AMERICA IS DOING!
Pan-American Volunteer Project—is a suggestion made that volunteer soldiers from Latin American countries be enrolled in a special body to fight alongside U. S. troops. Vargas, President of Brazil is understood to favor the project, and to be willing to cooperate as far as Brazil is concerned.

Maria Gomez Carbonell, Cuba's only woman cabinet minister, has been assigned the task of supervising the role of women in defense preparations.

Anti-Axis exhibition took place in San Jose, capital of Costa Rica following the brazen torpedoing of a merchant ship in the harbor of Preto Limon on July 3. As a result, over eighty axis-owned business establishments were attacked. One big result of this incident has been a tightening of vigilance up and down the coast of Central America.

Evidence that the Castillo government in Argentina is prepared to go to almost any lengths to ward off a show-down with the German Reich was shown when the Foreign Office made public the reply of the Nazi government in regard to the sinking of the Rio Tercero. Argentina has listed for the Nazis the new names of the boats recently acquired, announcing sailing schedules, etc., to circumvent the German blockade of eastern North America, Argentina boats will be routed to New Orleans and other ports.

The World Turns On

By DR. R. W. STEEN

American fliers are becoming more active in raids on the continent, and the past week has seen the first raids by units made up entirely of Americans. It is interesting to note that the first American fighter units to go into action were flying Spitfires. This could mean either of two things. It could mean that there is as yet no American fighter which is the equal of the Spitfire, or it could mean simply that Spitfires are available in England in greater quantity than comparable American fighters.

Americans have received during the past week some surprising news concerning heavy bombers. American newspapers have generally conceded that the Spitfire and the Hurricane are spectacular fighting machines, but had blandly assumed that the American heavy bombers were the best in the world. Americans had often wondered why the British had made no more use of the Flying Fortresses sent them some months ago. At least a part of the answer is revealed in performance figures recently released for the British Stirling, Lancaster and Manchester bombers. These British bombers are faster than the American heavy bombers and have greater range. They carry eight tons of bombs while the American planes carry only three and one-half tons. The British planes have about as much fire power and considerably more armor.

There is, however, something to be said for the American planes. They were designed for high altitude, daylight bombing attacks where a premium is placed on accuracy. The British planes were designed primarily for night bombing attacks. The American planes have a much higher ceiling than the British planes and it may be that they will perform excellently the task for which they were designed. The first all-American bombing raid was made recently on Rouen. It was a daylight raid, and it is claimed that the bombing was extremely accurate. It may be that the all-out attack on Germany will require both day and night bombing attacks, and that the Flying Fortresses and Liberators will yet play an important part in defeating the Nazis. The British are loud in their praise of American medium bombers of the type used in the raid on Tokio. They also consider certain types of American fighters as excellent machines for certain types of fighting, but stand by the Spitfire as the best all purpose fighter now in production.

The Commando raid on Dieppe undoubtedly had as one of its purposes that of practicing invasion technique. The experience gained in coordinating land, sea and air operations was probably the most important result of the raid, although there were, quite obviously, other important results. This raid has received most of the headlines for several days, but an announcement of equal importance was made Thursday by the American Navy Department. That was the announcement that the marines were in control of three of the Solomon Islands. This can perhaps be considered the first step in an American offensive against the Japanese.

Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

About Yourself

Even the War, it seems, cannot keep the Aggies from wondering about their own minds and about why they feel and act as they do. In other words, books on psychology continue to be checked out of the College Library at a lively rate.

If you are interested in this sort of thing, here are a few sane and sensible discussions of the normal mind. I don't suppose, by the way, that there is any such thing as a completely "normal" mind. Everybody probably has a queer quirk or two which he industriously hides from others—frequently from himself also. So don't be too alarmed about yourself. You might read some of these elementary books. You might go to see the people in our local Department of Psychology for further advice. At any rate, the chances are that if the whole truth were known you are no crazier than your roommate or your top kick. So don't worry about yourself. Just read and hear what intelligent and trained observers have to say. Here are the books:

H. A. Overstreet has a pleasant and casual way of imparting useful information and advice about mental processes. Let Me Think (only 106 small pages) is bound to leave you a little smarter than you were before. About Ourselves: Psychology for Normal People goes a little more into detail, discussing such things as phobias (obsessive hates), fixations, adult infantilism, and wishful thinking.

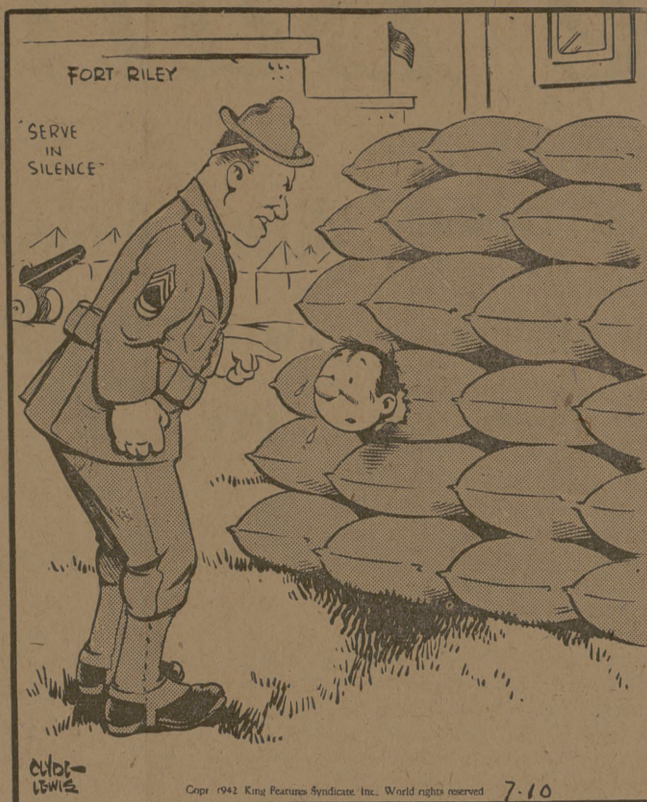
Perhaps the best introduction to Freudian psychoanalysis, perhaps the most famous of the recent theories of the mind, is a very small English book called The Man in the Street and the New Psychology by R. A. Howden. Some of his chapter headings are: The Unconscious; Inferiority Complex; The

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Relations between Brazil and Nazi Germany have gone from bad to worse, and today are just about as bad as they could be without involving actual warfare.

In imitation of Mexico and Colombia, Nicaragua has ordered the removal of all axis nationals from coastal areas—this followed the Puerto Limon incident.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Maybe this will teach you not to hide out in empty sand-bags!"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

Orchids . . .

Following is part of a letter—the kind that makes us feel proud—to the registrar:

"I have a boy who will graduate from high school in May 1943. . . please mail entrance information. . . For your information, I have never picked up an A. & M. boy on the road who was not a perfect gentleman, and I have given a lot of them rides during their vacations. It is for this reason that I would like to send my boy to A. & M."

Tanks, Mister!

Double Commandant

The Army and Navy Journal announces that "Col. Maurice D. Welty, Inf, has been assigned to ROTC duties at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, Prairie View, Texas, in addition to his duties at A. & M. College of Texas at College Station, Texas."

Spacefiller . . .

My Mondays are meatless,
My Tuesdays are wheatless,
I'm growing more eatless each day.
My Wednesdays are sweetless,
My Thursdays are heatless,
On Friday I work without pay.
My Saturdays are soapless,
My Sundays are hopeless,
I live on nothing but scraps.
My socks are feetless,
My trousers are seatless,
O Lord, how I do hate those Japs.

Sweepings . . .

Aggie-Ex John M. Jones, Bryan, was in charge of a troop to which

Joe Louis, Negro slugger, was assigned. . . Johnny, formerly in Cavalry, is now a Second Lieutenant in Cavalry School. . .

Picked Up: This is the last straw. We don't mind going to war, and we don't mind most of the horrible things that go with war, but officials claim that peroxide should be cut out. . . that's going too far. Think of all these lovely blondes who will suffer. Instead of opening a conversation with "you should've seen the blonde I went out with last night," we poor males will have to combat, "look, there goes a shapely bullet." Yes, that's what will happen to peroxide. . . it'll be turned into bullets. What do you prefer, bullets or blondes? . . . doesn't really matter; they both lead to the same general ending. . .

At Last! Hope for everyone. The authorities have announced that the War Department has lowered literacy standards for entrance into the Army. In the past men have had to be able to read and write English in a fourth-grade standard. . . now men will be accepted who can understand simple orders in English and who have the ability to absorb military training rapidly. . .

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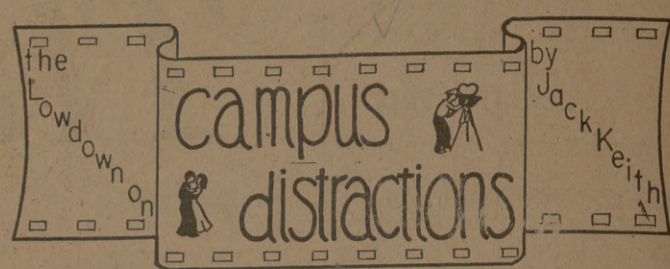
WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE CAMPUS
Saturday — "Saboteur" — with Robert Cummings and Priscilla Lane.
Midnight, Sunday & Monday—The Magnificent Dope with Henry Fonda, Lynn Bari and Don Ameche.
AT GUION HALL
Saturday — "Major Barbara" starring Wendy Hiller and Rex Harrison.

MOVIE
Guion Hall
SATURDAY
1:00 — 7:00 and 8:30

The producer of "Pygmalion" presents
GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S MAJOR BARBARA
starring **WENDY HILLER**
co-starring REX HARRISON and ROBERT MORLEY
introducing ROBERT NEWTON
produced and directed by GABRIEL PASCAL • Released thru United Artists

News -- Comedy
COMING
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
"JACKASS MAIL"



The JUKE BOX PROM tonight holds the spotlight among this weekend's entertainments. The repertoire of music will include all those pieces which the dancers indicate they want heard. A regular hit parade of songs will be conducted, similar to the national hit parade in order to determine the favorites of those attending the dance so they may have music as they like it. Freshmen and sophomores should remember they must have dates to attend the prom.

Wendy Hiller, the star of "MAJOR BARBARA", showing at Guion Hall today, is worth seeing whether the show she plays in is or not. Known as the Bernard Shaw girl because this is the second of the famed writer's books she has characterized, Miss Hiller got her first start in the movie industry in an unspectacular way. She joined a theatrical company as an apprentice at seven and a week, and as such was allowed to make off-stage noises, turn on and off the stage lights and jerk the curtain up. Later she proved to have a natural talent for dialect parts and soon found herself being cast as a comic servant.

When Miss Hiller was rated as a glamour girl after her success in the first Shaw production, "Pygmalion", her personality and view-

points on life changed very little. She has only one husband, she likes hillbilly music and she plays golf. The fair-haired beauty is (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

Campus

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Box Office Opens at 1:00 P. M.

LAST DAY
"SABOTEUR"
starring Priscilla Lane Robert Cummings also News - - March of Time Cartoon

PREVIEW TONIGHT
—After Dance —
SUNDAY -- MONDAY

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