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Sensible Censorship

In the code which he has drafted for the guidance of editors, Byron Price, who heads the new office of censorship, has shown that he understands not only the problems of his own profession but the duties of his new job as well. Properly observed, the rules will insure that precious little information of value to the enemy will be conveyed through newspapers or other periodicals, and at the same time they will not, as they now stand, infringe upon the essentials of freedom of the press.

The prohibitions are as clear and specific as it is possible to make them, and it is gratifying to discover that nowhere in the code is there any loosely-worded warning against publication of material calculated to lower civilian morale—a regulation which might be interpreted by overzealous agents of the censorship as restricting the right to criticize and expose bungling and inefficiency.

That the press of Great Britain today after more than two years of war, is as free as it was in peacetime is the result of the fact that the British recognized clearly at the outbreak of the war the difference between military information helpful to the enemy and political information harmful to domestic officials.

There is one rule which the British invoked which is a valuable safeguard against abuse of the censorship. This is that anything said by a member of parliament in public session, whether it deals with military information or not, may be published without regard to censorship. This has a double usefulness in that it provides a means of airing wrongs and grievances and at the same time tends to make parliamentary orators more cautious in their utterances.

On the whole, Mr. Price is to be congratulated; but there is one point where he is likely to encounter difficulties. It is in adopting the philosophy that matter which obviously cannot be broadcast by radio may sometimes be printed in newspapers. This deserves further study. Aside from the desirability of making censorship regulations uniform for all instruments of public information, experience in Britain has shown that news, once published, reaches the enemy soon afterward, even though a strict censorship of printed matter is maintained at the frontiers. There is one other point which we hope Mr. Price will reconsider. That is his suggestion that dispatches entering this country, even though they have been censored by foreign governments, may be subject to review.—New York Times.

This Collegiate World

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Weather studies recorded over the last five years by Shattuck observatory at Dartmouth college have proven of great practical value for army engineers designing a proposed \$500,000 airport near here.

Every hour for five years the observatory, directed by Prof. Richard H. Goddard, has recorded the wind direction and velocity. These facts were analyzed and recorded, for which the army is now thankful.

When Professor Goddard south modernization of the observatory equipment he told college officials wind measurements possible with automatic recorders would be invaluable if anyone undertook to build an airport in the vicinity of Hanover. He admits, however, that at the time he was theorizing and is as surprised as anyone else that the government is considering the project.

The private lives of a family of bacteria which breathe carbon dioxide instead of oxygen are undergoing close scrutiny by University of California scientists.

The microscopii organisms are known as methane-producing bacteria. They die from exposure to oxygen, just as human beings succumb to an overdose of carbon dioxide.

Dr. H. A. Baker, assistant professor of soil microbiology, has invented a system of keeping the microbes in a laboratory without danger of their being affected by oxygen.

He feeds them a menu of alcohol, carbon dioxide, ammonia, phosphorus and hydrogen sulphide in a solution.

The World Turns On

By DR. C. C. DOAK

Democracy Works at Aggie Land—During the past week it has been my pleasure to have a ringside seat at the campus arena and to watch from there the democratic process at work. Step by step it has moved our corps and our college toward a worthy group undertaking. By way of giving an example of how the process works, I shall enumerate the steps below.

Step One. Alert Citizen Expresses Freedom of Speech. A cadet pointed to a clogged cast iron pipe which in "the good old days" had carried water away from the fountains of Austin Hall. He remarked, "That iron should go to war." A faculty member overheard and commended the student for his alertness and war-mindedness. The faculty member was surprised to have pointed out to him some hidden tons of additional iron obviously overlooked by the college in its earlier efforts at salvage. Being unaware that the college had already contributed a 110,000 pounds of metal to the war effort, the outraged cadet and the college professor made some generalized statements about complacency and wound up by concluding that, "Something ought to be done about it."

Step Two. Something Is Done. Resort to Freedom of the Press. The interested cadet wrote an "open forum" letter to The Battalion, sought the support and signatures of a few like-minded fellows and submitted the letter of protest and suggestion.

Step Three. Action Through Representatives. The suggestions were acted upon favorably by college authorities, even before the letter was printed. A scrap metal committee was appointed. President Walton, through the Academic Council, urged the faculty to get out every ounce of unused metal from all departments. A similar appeal was sent to the students by way of The Battalion and through other channels.

Step Four. Voluntary Participation in Group Effort. The next step in the democratic process will begin Friday, September 4, when we (this means you and me) begin to pile up a present for Hitler. Let us show ourselves and the world that we can collect scrap metal for the game of war with even greater enthusiasm than we gather wood for our Tranksgiving bonfire.

Step Five. Fighting for Democracy. Since many Aggies are delivering, and others will deliver, this metal at the paces where it does the most good, we should make our diligence in collecting it a measure of our appreciation of their efforts. A few fragments of cast iron from the sewer of Austin Hall lodged in the breasts or brains of the totalitarian leaders would do wonders for the future of the democratic method.

Step Six. Recasting the Machinery of Peace. Let us resolve now that when the war is finally won that never again will we let either the methods of democracy or the weapons to defend them rust unused in the junk heaps of our country. The degree of our present resolution may determine how long it will be before the metal now being gathered may again be recast into the implements of peace.

Our Neighbors to the South

By HARRY A. CORDUA

Intensification of German submarine war in the Atlantic has been the most important single factor affecting Latin American politics during the past months. Not satisfied apparently with having forced Mexico into war in late May, Nazi subs picked off some more vessels of Brazil and neutral Argentina stirring popular indignation in both these countries.

During the past month, Germany announced that her submarine blockade was to be extended, as of June 26, to cover the entire Atlantic coast of the United States. Argentina has routed her ships between the River Plate and New Orleans instead of New York. In Buenos Aires, opposition Deputies have again raised the cry for an inter-American convoy system, a step which the Argentine government has thus far resolutely opposed.

One of last June's victims of Nazi underseas aggression is the Republic of Columbia, which has broken relations with the Axis but not declared war. On June 22, a small unarmed Columbian schooner, the Resolute, with a woman and child aboard, was torpedoed off the Columbian coast, six persons losing their lives. Columbia protested; anti-Axis demonstrations have taken place in Barranquilla, Cartagena, Medellin, Cali and elsewhere; all Axis nationals living less than 62 miles from the coast have (as in Mexico and Nicaragua) been ordered inland.

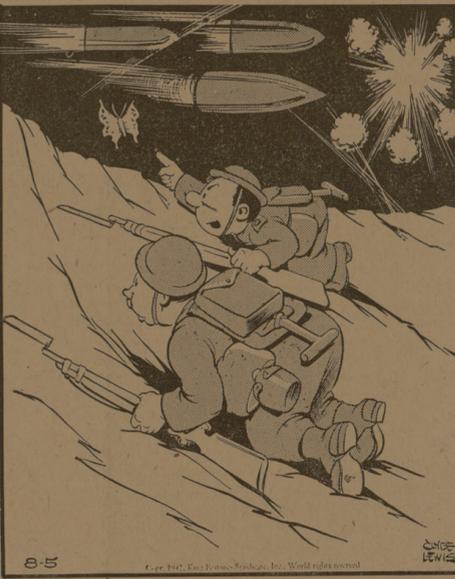
Soviet Russia and Latin America
With the United States drifting into closer alliance with Russia, and Pan-American bonds being simultaneously tightened, the Latin American republics are faced with the problem of what—if anything—to do about the Soviet Union. None of them currently maintain diplomatic relations with the Soviet, although a Soviet legation functioned in Montevideo, Uruguay, until the mid-thirties. But since Russia is such an important ally, the Latins are overlooking past differences and acquiring the feeling that Russia is on the side of the United States and therefore on their side.

Who asks whether the enemy were defeated by strategy or valor?—Virgil.

Fame may be won in peace as well as in war.

War is not sparing of the brave, but of cowards.—Anacreon.

PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Just my luck! A rare specimen and I left my butterfly net two miles back!"

BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

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

By John Holman

From India . . .

. . . far away as it is, it still isn't too far for Aggies. Proof of that is the little photostatic letter we got the other day from A. E. Rosch, '41, who said, ". . . Being here in India the news of what the Aggies are doing is scarce. . . There are a group of ex-Aggies here, and they all are doing a good job." Good luck to you, A. E., and you'll get your Batts.

Suckers . . .

. . . were all those Aggies who bought August Batt magazines at an "up" in price. The same magazine will be put out in about a week with very little changes. . . same stories, cartoons, and better jokes.

Jap Rats . . .

. . . got their hair full of Aggie a week or two ago. The man who led the first assault on the Solomon Islands was Capt. E. J. Crane of the Marine Corps. Capt. Crane was here in '34, '35 and '36.

Here'n There Dept: . .

George Fuermann, well-known more ways than one around here, most famous for originating this column, was recently number one man in an Army test of applicants for Officers Candidate School. . . then there are the groaning mess-hall waiters who must stay here during "vacation" to feed the incoming "frish" (beings how we don't know what to call them). . . On the other hand, are the happy waiters getting a boost in pay for a little extra work.

Recipe . . .

. . . for an extra good brand of home-made gin is to mix 1 quart of pure grain alcohol with 1 quart of distilled (or otherwise) water. Add 1 teaspoonful of glycerine and a

few drops of oil of peppermint. Mix well. Guaranteed to be breath-proof, and hangover-proof, and to do a good job. Absorb it slowly, though, because it is very thorough. For weaker poison, add more water.

Reason . . .

. . . for the Cavalry, Quartermaster, Ordnance, Coast, and Corps' having a triple up on rooms this next year or two is that there isn't enough room—enough room for 6,000 Aggies, a slew of Sailors and Marines, and a possible 2,000 Air Corps cadets! . . . One glass per person in our "dining" rooms is a glass shortage, according to unofficial sources—it was raining too hard when this was written to hunt up any "official" sources.

Humping . . .

. . . at yell practice is out for the duration, says our constituted authorities. . . claims it makes them too tired. Speaking of authorities, newest member of the board of directors is quite a broad-minded fellow we hear.

Still Sore . . .

. . . probably, are two Washington Redskins Jarrin' Jawn Kimbrough bowled over on his little 53 yard trip to the goal line in Saturdays Army Western-All-Stars game. See Halkin's "On Kyle Field" for details. (Paid Political Adv.)

Captains . . .

. . . should see that their organization is represented in the Athletic Office-Student Activities' "Swingagoo". You don't have to be good, just willing. Takes fifteen men from an outfit, and if you have the men but know not how to get started, see Dick Jenkins in the Student Activities office, and he'll fix you up.

Now Dogs for Defense Takes Spot As Newest War Slogan

Rover will soon be in the armed services. The well loved flea bearers even, are not going to be exempt from military duty, in this all-out war.

An intensive program of training dogs will be started soon under direction of the Remount Division of the Quartermaster Corps it was announced by the War Department in a recent edition of the Army and Navy Journal.

Designed to train dogs as sentries, pack dogs, messengers, airplane spotters, how to attack parachute troops and for other purposes, the program will shortly be inaugurated upon completion of Kennels at the Quartermaster Remount Depot at Fort Royal, Va.

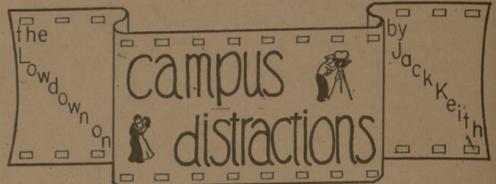
The article in the Army and Navy Journal went on to say "Dogs for Defense Inc., a private organization of dog fanciers will continue as the Army's procurement agency for dogs needed for training. The organization, approved by the American Kennel Association and the Veterinarian Association of America, has already provided to the Army dogs with preliminary

training from patriotic dog owners. Dogs for Defense, Inc., headquarters for which are at 22 East 60th Street, New York, N. Y., has regional directors throughout the United States and representatives in principal cities.

"The breeds most desired are: Doberman Pinscher, Airdale, Boxer, Collie, Retriever, German Shepherd, Great Dane, Bull Dog, French Poodle; for sledge duty, Malamute and Siberian Husky; for pack duty, Newfoundland, St. Bernard and Great Pyrenees. It is pointed out, however, that the temperament and ability for the individual dog to follow commands is more important than the particular breed.

Bluebonnets Should Be Planted Now To Obtain Best Results

Persons who desire to beautify their yards or flower beds with Texas' state flower next year should plant bluebonnets now. To grow and bloom successfully, bluebonnets should be planted in a sunny, well drained spot, says Sa-



That Texas "oomph" gal, Ann Sheridan, has a different type of part in "KINGS ROW", now showing at Guion Hall. Instead of the impetuous glamour girl of light comedies, she's in a strictly dramatic part now, and with great success. The vivacious red-head, known as Clara Lou Sheridan when she lived in Texas, has steadily risen in film prominence since she first went to Hollywood to crash movies as a beauty contest winner.

Not since "Anthony Adverse" has Hollywood massed so many well known players in one picture as are in "Kings Row". Besides Ann Sheridan, the line-up includes Ronald Reagan, Robert Cummings, Betty Field, Charles Coburn, Claude Rains, Nancy Colman and Karen Verne. Sixty-seven speaking parts is the amazing total of the movie.

"Kings Row" is a story of two boys, one the best-behaved boy in the little town of Kings Row, the other the bad boy of the town. The good one, Robert Cummings, studies medicine and after his love for his teacher's daughter is thwarted by her death, goes to Vienna to study. Meanwhile, Ronald Reagan as the town ne'er do well is also turned down by the girl he loves and starts going with the girl from "the other side of the tracks", Ann Sheridan.

Losing his fortune, Reagan takes a job on the railroad, is hurt in an accident, and consequently loses both legs because of a revengeful doctor's actions. This leaves him in a state of hopelessness and he loses all desire to live. His friend, now a noted psychiatrist, returns from abroad and practices his knowledge of the human mind on Reagan, inducing him to marry Ann and to set himself up in business. He too finds a new love and happiness in Kings Row.

"KINGS ROW" is a masterpiece of good acting and emotional appeal. It's story is a human one

die Hatfield, specialist in landscape gardening of the A. and M. Extension Service.

Bluebonnets do not like to be distributed by cultivation. They can be transplanted, but it is better to plant them where they are to grow. In parts of the state where it is too cold during the winter months for them to grow in the open, they should be started in flats, cold frames, or small pots and set in the open as soon as the ground thaws.

The state flower is very resistant to cold and will thrive during spring freezes.

and is so realistically portrayed that it is sure to interest any adult audience. Perhaps the only thing of the movie that might be considered a drawback is the fact that the great number of characters make it slightly confusing at times.

The Lowdown:—Class "A" in "IT HAPPENED IN FLATBUSH" is a movie for baseball fans, being a story of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Romance is furnished by Lloyd Nolan and Carole Landis, with Sara Allgood as the femme owner and manager of the famed baseball team.

Miss Allgood decides to take Nolan out of minor league to manage the Dodgers. When he is about to take over, she dies, leaving her assets and her liabilities, consisting of the baseball team, to her niece, Carole Landis. Complications that follow and how Miss Landis and Nolan work them out comprise the remainder of the show.

The Lowdown:—a two-bagger.

WHAT'S SHOWING
AT GUION HALL
Tuesday, Wednesday — "KINGS ROW," starring Ronald Reagan and Ann Sheridan.
AT THE CAMPUS
Tuesday, Wednesday—"IT HAPPENED IN FLATBUSH?" with Carole Landis. Also "BLONDIE GOES TO COLLEGE," with Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake.



Box Office Opens at 1:00 P. M.

Today-Tomorrow DOUBLE FEATURE



1:24 - 4:12 - 7:00 - 9:48

"BLONDIE GOES TO COLLEGE" with Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake, Janet Blair

2:44 - 5:32 - 8:20

also "Donald's Snow Fight"

MOVIE

Guion Hall

Tuesday-Wednesday—3:30-7 Each Day

"All Women are Like Me!"

BUT THEY WON'T ADMIT IT.

ANN SHERIDAN
ROBT. CUMMINGS
RONALD REAGAN
BETTY FIELD

In Warner Bros.

KINGS ROW

The Town They Talk of in Whispers

COMEDY CARTOON SHORT