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The Gestapo Rides Again

We have always believed that a man could work for whom he chose and at any occupation so long as he violated no laws.

The State Labor Commission and the College Extension Service have indicated to us that in at least one field of endeavor they are taking it upon themselves to tell people where they can and cannot work. It sounds silly,

Three More Ignoble Prizes

doesn't it? Frankly we thought that the passing of Adolph Hitler had seen the end of concentration camps and compulsory labor.

Little did we ever expect to find one of our own branches involved in making people work within a designated area.

That is exactly what is happening today. the words of State Labor Commissioner M. B. Morgan, "I've had 11 or 12 deputy la-bor commissioners working the highways to keep Mexican workers from getting out of the State. We've been catching them at Marshall and diverting them to part of the state where farmers need them most."

Morgan could just as easily have said he had his gestapo watching all the high-

Last month The Battalion inaugurated an

The first recipients of the award were

award-the Ignoble Prize-to be presented

now and then to that individual or group of

individuals who has created the greatest

amount of dissension and confusion in his

Roy Bedichek and Rodney Kidd of the Texas

University Interscholastic League. They de-

cided that all boys over the age of 15 who

participated in calf scrambles and won calves be barred from Interscholastic League con-

Rather than slight anyone or any depart-ment, we have selected three separate Ig-

First Prize

other became extinct. (This pertains to both

registrations-on August 30 and September

thrice around the mess hall annex, did a

serpentine sort of movement through the

door, and disappeared. A veteran in line for

book requisition cards found a 2-hour wait

The line for athletic coupon books wound

First prize for this issue goes to the person or persons responsible for the most

particular sphere of influence.

tests.

ahead.

noble Prize winners.

ways to keep the Mexicans from escaping and seeking refuge in other states, and that many of them have been caught and sent to different labor camps throughout the state.

A representative of the Federal Labor Department says that this action was taken at the request of the State Labor Commission and the Texas A. & M. College Agricultural Extension Service.

Now, we find that the reason the laborers want to leave Texas is that they can make higher wages elsewhere. We can't find any reasonable excuse for preventing people from leaving Texas to make more money.

The actions of the Labor Commission certainly border on tyranny of the most despicable nature. If the Agricultural Extension Service has had any part in requesting the Labor Commission to practice such high-handed tactics, we think it time that someone forced their hand.

This whole affair is in direct violation of the tenets of the United States Constitution. Maybe a few of the Extension personnel could read the Constitution to advantage. We recommend it.

By their actions, if what we read is true, they have brought discredit to themselves, to the A. & M. College, and to the people of Texas.

Second Prize

Second prize goes to the man behind the desk in the Veterans Advisor's Office on Friday, September 12. The line for fee waiver slips extended along the wall on the first floor of Goodwin, down the steps, and around

to the front of Bizzell Hall, Third Prize

Third. and equally as discreditable as the first two, is the Building and College Utilities Department for their failure to look ahead. Since June 26, the B&CU Department knew that freshmen were supposed to live

at Bryan Field, the A. & M. College Annex. But not until Saturday, September 6, did anyone think to look into the barracks in which students were assigned to live.

(Freshmen were already beginning to a r unorganized registration since the antiquated method of running from one building to the rive, with the great influx of students the following day.)

Barracks numbers were missing in many cases; chairs were broken; mattresses were slit open; desk drawers were no where to be found; screens were cut; and floors were filthy. All living quarters were in a state of upheaval.

So to the above three winners, we hereby present Ignoble Prizes, in hopes that things will be different the next time.

'Brother Can You Spare a Nickel?'

Weary and footsore Aggies returning to another year of "the collitch life" were pleasantly surprised to find "coke" machines installed in dormitories over the campus, and construction begun on the first of the new cheduled to be built in all halls. No doubt, the destructive wrath of Aggieland will be vented on the first empty coke machine encountered, and in a few weeks the little red contraptions will either be completely demolished, or else lying in state at the local bottling plant. Incidentally, the particular model in-

stalled here for the comfort of Aggies is designed to thwart all attempts at thievery. Slugs, pocketknives, and pickaxes will not work

The lounges, being constructed of steel and concrete, will probably withstand the onslaught of the coming horde, but there is room for doubt as to the permanence of the furnishings being installed in said lounges.

Veto Becomes Issue In UNO Says Boyle After Loafing By DeWITT MacKENZIE

As Mackenzie Sees It

Russia's persis.

De-Witt Mackenzie

nunistic ideas.

the Assembly of the United Nations faces as it begins its new sessions today is that of the veto by means of which any one of the Big Five (Russia, Britain, France, China and the U. S.) can kill a ma-jority decision in the Security Council. Thus far the Charter so to preclude abuse of peace organiza-tion has been be changed in face of a Russian rendered virtu-ally impotent by veto.

tent employ- Chinese Typewriter Types in 4 Lingos, paralyzing power which was adopted originally as a necessary safeguard but was intended for use only in extreme 90,000 Symbols intended for use only in extreme emergencies. Continuation of this situation must ultimately mean the death of the U. N. as at pres-

The Mingkwai typewriter, which types 90,000 Chinese characters and also can type in Japanese, Russian, or English, has been demonstrated by its inventor, Lin Yutang, the Chi-nese author of best-selling American books.

the death of the U. N. as at pres-ent constituted. These Soviet tactics of ob-struction have coincided with Moseow's launching of the world revolution for the spread of Communism, and have been du-plicated by similar tactics in allied councils in Europe. The re-sult is that peace and economic recovery have been stumicd The unique machine, about the size of a standard American model typewriter, requires only three keys to be pressed for each word. A top and bottom suit is that peace and economic recovery have been stymicd— and it's significant that turmoil and hard times provide the soil in which Communism thrives. key bring into position a choice of eight words of the same cat-So we see that the consistent use egory. The operator then picks the one word of the eight which he wants by pressing a third key.

chines, the invention may be extremely important to commu-nication in China. The Mingkwai typewriter now does a day's work by a Chinese copyist in one hour.

By HAL BOYLE When I got restless, I just open-

It's Flotsam That Jetsam,

Whenever the wind blew a discarded newspaper along the beack, I would reach out, grab it and read out loud to the "sand dabs" about high food prices in America, Moscow appeals for more work from the comrades, and religious massacres among the Moslems and Sikhs in India. But the little "sand dabs" paid no attention. no attention.

son I ever want to go back to my desk is to be sure somebody else hasn't been hired to put his feet there where mine belong. My idea of a vacation is to wait until after Labor Day, then go to a beach, lie down and cease from effort so utterly that I would die rather than blow up a pair of waterwings to save me from a sudden surge of surf. That's what I did. The reason

"We'll all go to hell together, oys!"

Sure enough, the parrot was washed ashore the next day frozen stiff as a hotel mattress.

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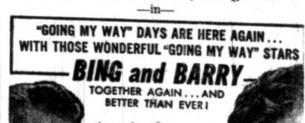
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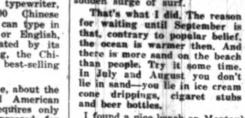




So we see that the consistent use of the veto power by Russia in the U.N., fits in with a broad strategy of obstruction which is favorable to the world revolution that is now in full swing. Meantime the Soviet delegation has been able to use the U.N. as a sounding board for dissemination of Com-However, the Russians lately nave been swinging into the deensive in contrast to the offensive which they were maintaining a year ago, The other members of the U.N.—apart from the Soviet satellites—are determined to have

a workable peace organization even if they have to scrap the present structure and reform it along lines which will eliminate the present difficulties.

The hope, of course, is to get reform without remodeling the





I found a nice beach on Montauk

Point, which is as far east as you can go from Broadway without

Got It? . . .

The Joan News Letter, a helpful little publication issued by the Joan Fabrics Corp. (Manhattan), periodically beats the drum for the U. S. Dept. of Commerce and especially for the many free services the department makes available to businessmen. And recently, according to this newsletter, a small concern in New York State had a problem on its hands and wired the department to find out whether hydrochloric acid could be used to clean a particular type of boiler tube.

In jig time the company got an answer, to this effect: "Uncertainties of reactive process make the use of acid undesirable where alkalinity is involved."

The businessman missed the point but was very grateful nonetheless. "Thanks for the advice," he wrote. "I'll start using the

Local interior decorator, Wick Van Kouenhoven, foresees better times a h e a d for A. & M. "with a maroon plush couch in every student's room".

acid tomorrow." But there were delays and before he actually could begin, this wire came from Washington; "Regrettable decision involves uncertainties. Hydrochloric acid will produce submuriate invalidating reactions." (signed) U. S. Dept. of Com-

Delighted with all this attention, the busi-man wired back: "Thanks again. Glad to know it's O. K." This time the department decided to stop fiddling around and sent a rush wire: "Hydrochloric acid will eat hell out of your tube."

-TIDE

AS PART of a straight report on a girls' baseball game, the Ogden, Utah *Times* sports page said: Everything was going fine until the last half of the fifth when all of the bags got loaded."

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