

Battalion EDITORIALS

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A Job Well Done . . .

After serving as executive secretary to the Texas A.&M. Former Students' Association for 21 years, E. E. McQuillen offered his resignation to the Former Students' Association Council and class agents at their annual meeting last Saturday night.

McQuillen assumed his duties as executive secretary of the association in 1927 and has watched its enrollment grow from around 1,500 to more than 10,000 ex-students in that time.

Through his work with the association, he has probably met and known more Aggie-exes than any other man in the history of A. & M., and is one of the best known and

most respected of all A. & M. men. Many exes believe that without the capable guidance of "Mac," the Former Students' Association would have "fallen by the wayside" long ago. At any rate, its excellent record and present sound standing, along with many of its most worthy accomplishments, can be directly attributed to incomparable devotion to duty and plain hard work.

He has served A. & M. well, both in his student years, when he captained the first Aggie Championship Basketball team, and later through the Former Student's Association.

Looking Over the Mess . . .

During the summer, Duncan Hall operated a snack bar nightly for the benefit of students living in the new area. This project proved so successful and saved students so many steps to the North Gate that snack bars will be opened in both mess halls beginning tonight.

For the time being, the snack bars will remain open from 8 to 10 nightly, and if the need arises, the hours will be changed to suit the students' needs.

Sandwiches, iced tea, coffee, and desserts will be among the delicacies behind the serving counter, with prices fixed to suit any pocketbook.

The snack bar at Duncan Hall is open not only to veteran students, but also to members of the Cadet Corps.

Both mess halls are now operating on a full schedule. Hiring students for part-time positions caused a short delay, together with an exodus of regular mess hall workers.

The food at both mess halls still tastes as everything were prepared in the same pot. And the prices—well, they possibly are a little high considering the quality of the food.

Planned or Unplanned . . .

The role of the state in our national economy has been and still is one of the most popular subjects for debate. The extreme left and the reactionary right are continually "at each other's throat" as to what part the government should play in the everyday lives of its citizens.

John Q. Public is more or less indifferent to both groups. His approach to the subject is dependent on the advantages that he can gain. He prefers private enterprise where it can do the best job. If the government can do a better job in some particular phase he turns to the government.

In general he is not concerned about the source and control of his electric lights, water, gas, and telephone service. All he asks is that he receive good service, reasonably priced, with courteous service. However, John Q. Public does fear power when it is concentrated in the hands of a few, whether it be a centralized governmental bureau or a centralized business monopoly.

In general his wants are rather meager; he only expects an economy to possess some degree of permanency. Depressions are to him real things. He has experienced their vio-

lence with all its unemployment, misery, and fear.

Politicians may rant against a "planned society," branding it with all the popular colors and tinges. The greatness of free capitalism, as extolled by some economist, is of little interest to him. However, he is concerned about the periodic states of "booms" and "busts," that have existed in this country.

After experiencing some 22 of these cycles in the history of this nation, John Q. Public has come to recognize that bad times are related to mal-distribution of incomes. When 60% of the wage earners average less than \$1,500 a year, he knows that an unhealthy situation exists. He also knows that when an effort is made to raise the standard of living of the lower income brackets, the business cycle is not so vicious.

Even though John Q. Public is capable of making the foregoing observation, too often he is willing to stop there. From then on some political "quacks" take over and perform a beautiful job of mismanagement. It then falls to the political and economic liberals to find the ways and means of solving the problem.

Where's Alexander Graham . . .

The Batt has a long face of the psychological variety these days. It is functioning without its ears. That is most unfortunate from the Batt's viewpoint, no matter what you think about it.

Long faces can be either physiological or psychological. Those big words should be explained to readers of the Batt. A physiological long face means the person couldn't help it, he was born that way. The psychological long face results from worry, disturbance, or emotional difficulties.

The absence of a Planned Economy on the American scene (see editorial, above) has spawned disorders in the supply and demand department, which disorders deny the Batt telephone rights.

Try as the editors may by printing

nasty, cutting things about the System, they can't get Southwestern States Telephone people to fork over the means of communication. They are now of the opinion that Southwestern States is out to get them in the old dog-eat-dog tradition.

Taking time out from this experiment with paranoia, the editors wish to take this opportunity to contact any ex-Navy men with wig-wag experience. Until the Telephone Company installs telephones in the office (the case is in the Supreme Court now) a semaphore system will be set up. Any interested, qualified parties may apply at the Batt office, Room 201, Goodwin Hall. Don't try to telephone!

Shades of Bonny Parker!

Classified advertising, especially in a housing shortage, sometimes gets a little manic, but we never expected to find anything like this in a sedate country newspaper like the *Say Rafael* (Calif.) *Independent*. "Desperate! Gunmoll, just blew into town, desperate for operating quarters for self and brat. Plenty of cash (new) available. Refined, top references. Call SA 4153, ask for Mimi.

Vis-a-vis . . .

One of the newer people in the promotion department of McCall's got sore the other day over the poor reproduction which one of the magazine's four-color ads got in *Newsweek*, called the company's agency and urged the space buyer to ball out the *Newsweek* people. But, the whole thing died fast when the agent reminded his caller that *Newsweek* was printed in Dayton by the McCall Corp.

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As Mackenzie Sees It . . .

Italy May Be Next Victim Of Future 'Red' Aggression

By DeWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Where will the Red lightning strike next? That's a natural question in view of Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinskiy's United Nations speech which by implication made it clear that Russia intends—come hell or high water—to pursue its scheme of world revolution for the establishment of Communism.

We may have our answer in Italy's critical situation. That war-shattered country is trending close to a left-wing political upheaval. The life of the government under Premier Alcide de Gasperi, leader of the slightly right-of-center Christian Democratic party, is in grave danger from a powerful and concerted attack by the Communists and Socialists, whose representatives were ousted from the cabinet some time ago.

But this is no ordinary fluctuation of political fortunes involving merely tenure of office under the same form of government. The extreme left is reaching for power. The situation is complicated by economic chaos which has provided fertile ground for illage by the Communists and Pinks, and they haven't neglected their opportunities. Among recent activities they have been cooperating in planning a huge, country-wide demonstration for today against the cost of living and against Gasperi's government—against the speculation and egotism of privileged capitalist groups.

In this stormy atmosphere Italy has moved toward a climax which the extreme leftists intend shall involve the downfall of the Gasperi government in one way or another. The Communist-Socialist combination hope to achieve the overthrow of the government next week on a vote of no-confidence in the constituent assembly. If that fails—what? Are we witnessing a "prelude to revolution?"

German Speaking Classes Scheduled

German speaking classes will be conducted by Dr. Josef Stadelmann every Friday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 in Room 125, Academic Building.

Conversations will be conducted entirely in German, and they will deal with everyday life. Dr. Stadelmann stated, Classes will begin at 4, and all students who have labs until 4:30 can join the group for the last 40 minutes of conversation.

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Butterfly For Movies Stump Film Capitol

By ARMAND ARCHERD (For Bob Thomas)

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 23 (AP)—Hollywood has finally been stumped. The wonder town has always been able to get trained animals of all descriptions for film work. But when the call went out for a trained butterfly no one could deliver the goods.

A studio craftsman finally was called to build a mechanical butterfly. The contraption, to be used in "mortal coils," is an intricate affair, motivated by tons of equipment. But believe me, you won't be able to tell it from the real McButterfly.

Lassie will live in true star-style when he goes on location for "The Hills of Home." He moves into the swanky cabin occupied previously by Van Johnson, Gary Cooper and Frank Sinatra on their location trips to the same vicinity.

Lana Turner needn't worry about being mobbed if she takes her vacation in Hawaii, writes Walter Christie, Jr. "The fact that a Waikiki beach sun-tanner turns out to be a screen celebrity," he says, "hardly disturbs our populace one way or another." The Cornell Wilder and Margaret O'Brien are there now. Katharine Hepburn goes into "the saintly Miss Peters" by her own request. Katie wants to do a comedy after the run of dramas. Fred MacMurray completes his role in "The Miracle of the Bells" tomorrow and will immediately head north with rod and reel. Fred says he will not work again until the first of the year.

Boyle's Aerial Survey Shows Coast in Catastrophic Ruin

By Hal Boyle BILOXI, MISS., Sept. 22—(AP)

A hundred-mile aerial survey Saturday disclosed that "old double debarri levee," the Caribbean hurricane, has converted the Mississippi Gulf area into a still-flooded and catastrophic ruin.

Damage may well run into the tens of millions of dollars—a \$6,000,000 estimate is given for the Biloxi shrimp canning industry alone. Residents fear also that as the Gulf waters yield up their dead the death toll will rise much higher than at first believed.

Flying from New Orleans in a light plane piloted by William Hartson, we passed over half a dozen communities (laid to earth by the hurricane's hammer of wind.

Seen from the air, the gulf coast stretched for scores of miles in a panorama of awesome destruction. In that vast area of desolation hundreds of people remain stranded by high waters twenty-four hours after the hurricane passed.

Intermittent rain squalls and high winds that bounced our plane around added to the misery of men, women and children below isolated from rescue workers.

The slowly falling waters of Mississippi Sound still hide much of the damage. Ground rescue workers moving into the areas are hampered by the fact that the two chief channels of movement—highway ninety and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad—have been cut in several places by tidal waves.

We flew northeast from New Orleans across miles of dreary marshland in which floated the splintered wreckage of scores of fishing camps.

At a highway intersection several dozen marooned motorists and bus passengers waved signals of distress. Some had stripped off their wet clothing and laid it out

Special Session Problems Lid May Blow Off Anytime

By A. D. Bruce, Jr.

There is a good possibility that Congress might be called back to D. C. in a couple of months to chit-chat about voting a few more shekels for Europe. The political buzzings preliminary to the build-up for a special session are under way.

Regardless of the time that the next session begins, Congress's attention will not be concentrated on Europe's troubles alone. The kettle is brewing right here and the lid may blow off at any time. No doubt, many national problems will get tangled up with "emergency" help for Europe and with the "Marshall plan" for long-range help.

When and if the new session begins, inflation here might be high up on another spiral. Italy will be digging deep into its pockets not only for dollars, but also for pennies about that time. Britain won't have any extra to squander. France may be floundering.

Past records show that Congress can and often has taken its own sweet time in dealing with emergency measures. Help for Europe is not to be voted overnight, especially since the European question is likely to get snarled up with many domestic problems.

EMERGENCY AID

Congress will be asked for one or two billion to tide Europe over the winter. The pros and cons of this little matter will probably be tossed about for several "days."

MARSHALL PLAN. To date the various components of this plan have not been combined into composite form. The idea is to offer a four-year aid program to countries of Western Europe, provided they get together to help themselves.

OCCUPATION COSTS. The U. S. will be left holding the bag in Germany when Britain pulls out in the near future. Congress is likely to request up to \$500,000,000 for more relief to Germany.

TAXES. Congress may deem it wise to insist on a little relief for the U. S. taxpayer before voting new relief for Europe. However, any cuts affecting federal revenue for this fiscal year would probably run into some stiff opposition from President Truman.

PRICES. Living costs, which keep skyrocketing are developing into the No. 1 domestic issue. Some will ask for new price controls and rationing, but odds are strongly against such measures.

RENT CONTROL. Congress will have to get on the ball if the time on federal regulation of rents is to be extended. As things stand now, the federal regulation expires February 20.

MINIMUM WAGES. Another issue that may bob up is that of putting a new minimum-wage law on the books. Now that the campaign season is coming up some Republican leaders are letting it be known that they favor such an action.

HEALTH. Socialized medicine will undoubtedly crop up again. Some form of health insurance will probably be compromised on.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING. This proposal is being plugged all the harder in Congress because of the developing showdown with Russia.

The above items are just a sample of what Congress must look forward to. A special session is not necessarily confined to the subject for which it was called. Special sessions have accomplished no

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