

Battalion EDITORIALS

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES--



As MacKenzie Sees It . . . German Peace Treaty Held Up by Russia and Western Bloc

By DeWitt MacKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Just as the Democracies in the United States finally have cracked down on the tendentious obstructions of the Soviet striken country, the other three Allies show marked signs of consolidating their areas and doing the job without bloc and are going ahead on their own with the business of making peace, so there is developing a similar tendency in the politico-economic war zones of Europe and Asia.

A prime example is the case of Germany, which is divided into four zones of occupation—Russian, British, French, and American. All efforts at drafting a German peace treaty having failed because of the split between the Russian and Western blocs, and the Soviet Union having refused economic cooperation to ease the chaos in

wasting time in further futile negotiations.

This trend is being hastened by the rapidly increasing gravity of the economic crisis. U. S. Senator H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey Republican, who is co-chairman of a joint American Congressional committee studying European economic and political problems, stated yesterday in Berlin that it is "vitally necessary that at least the three western zones of Germany be tied into the Marshall Plan."

Appropos of this situation, a recent report turned out by U. S. Congressional and State Department cooperation and originally secret, says that the Russians are the "principal obstructionists" in the Allied Control Council in Berlin and that eastern Germany (under Russian control) is "well on the way to being Sovietized." The report further says the "suspicion is now possible that the U. S. S. R. covets Austria, in order to isolate Czechoslovakia, and penetrate Italy and Germany, as well as other parts of western Europe with Communist politics and economic pressure has given a fillip to the trend towards a merger of the American, British and French zones into a unified nation. However, the French apparently are not yet ready for a complete merger, but will await development of the Marshall Plan for rehabilitation before casting the die. France is fearful that Germany may become strong enough to undertake military aggression again, but on that point both America and Britain are agreed that never again shall the Fatherland be in position to start another war.

College Life Was Always Rough, Is Boyle's View

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, (AP)—The chit-chat roundup:

College men are perennially broke. But Harry Augustine of Sherwood, Wis., doesn't believe they are having any tougher time financially than they did in the years when he was at the University of Wisconsin in quest of a sheepskin.

"My roommate and I were so poor," he recalled, "we stayed home on Saturday nights and played poker for raisins."

Johnny Flores, whose camera caught some of the war's best news pictures, is back from a trek through the Far East for Life magazine. Then they did much similar without the Japanese homeboy, Shorty, he had in Tokyo.

Shorty had the oriental servant's typical dislike for disturbing the serenity of his master in any way. Once Flores, before retiring, cautioned the houseboy repeatedly to awaken him at 7 a. m., sharp as he had an important engagement.

The next morning Shorty flipped silently in, carefully laid a note by the bedside, and noiselessly backed out. When Flores awoke shortly before mid-day, he found the note:

"Mr. Flores, it is now seven o'clock. Please wake up."

A young husband here has found a new way to hunt mosquitoes. He uses a vacuum cleaner.

Carrying one of the tank-type cleaners in one hand and his hose in the other, he stalks about his apartment until he spots a mosquito—sometimes known hereabouts as "East River Robins." He slides the hose nozzle slowly up to the insect and suddenly—swoosh—it is sucked into the cleaner.

"I caught eight the other night and two moths," boasted this apartment house nimrod.

If you have trouble at the race-track following by eye the horse on which your \$2 is riding, a swank Madison Avenue jewelry shop has just the gadget you need.

It's a gem-increased solid gold pair of binoculars which the defunct Russian czar once gave to a Turkish sultan. The price tag says \$20,000.

High Food Prices Outlook

New Rationing Unlikely

By A. D. BRUCE, JR.

The price of food at this time is double the prewar price and is heading higher. People are eating more of nearly everything, especially high-priced meats. So the average family is spending even more than \$2 for every \$1 spent for food before the war. Skyrocketing prices of food are met by only sporadic buyer resistance. The dollar seems to have replaced the cent in figuring the cost of food products. Steak is in heavy demand at \$1 per pound, butter at \$1 sells fast, and eggs go like hot cakes at \$1 a dozen in many areas.

Price increases grow out of the idea that the U. S. is going to ship abroad much of its abundant food supply. This idea is that there will not be enough of everything for everybody at home. Actually, there is abundance at home now, but there may be a squeeze next February and March.

The future of food prices is contingent on many things. Listed below are a few of the possibilities of what might happen.

If other people in the world are to eat as well in months ahead as they now are eating, the U. S. will have to reduce its eating. Prices can force the U. S. to eat less. Unless controlled, prices can shoot higher and limit consumption. Controls, so far as they may be revived, will largely be voluntary controls aimed at reducing consumption. Prices will probably continue to be fixed by the interplay of supply and demand, not be edict of a new Government agency. Officials point out that if Congress should decide to restore price control—a highly unlikely prospect—machinery for control would require three to six months to set up. By that time, the country might be trying to figure out how to keep prices from falling, not to keep them from rising. Also, there could be no effective price controls without control of wages, and

For Your Visual Problems Consult
DR. CARLTON B. LEE
OPTOMETRIST
308 S. Main—Bryan
Phone 3-1683

FABRICS GALORE

... in a multitude of colors, weaves, and prints, in such popular materials as—

- COTTONS
- GABARDINES
- WASH SILK
- WOOLENS
- JERSEY

and many others in prices you like to pay.

The **FABRIC SHOP**
Your Exclusive Fabric Center
BRYAN, TEXAS

Survey Reveals Odd Film Facts

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 24 (AP)—The church-going, smoking, divorcing, night-climbing and other habits of Hollywood citizens have been polled and the results indicate that the town is a fairly tame place. Or so the figures say.

The quizzing was done by the Hollywood Reporter and of the 1,056 of the trade paper's readers who answered, 70 per cent are in show business. Eighty-five per cent are males. The full results will be published in a book impressively titled "Facts About Hollywood, U.S.A., Information to the Nation." Here is a preview.

The divorce mill has claimed 29.7 per cent of the quizzers, whereas the Reporter quotes the national average (bureau of census report) at 40 per cent.

Democrats claim a majority of those polled, pulling a total of 54.4 per cent.

It may surprise you to learn what the favorite hobby is. It's reading. And photography ranks second. Twenty-nine individuals possess yachts and 83 own television sets. A mere 10 per cent, and this should upset legends, have swimming pools in their back yards.

Hollywood dresses well, says the survey. Eighty-one per cent of the boys have some of their clothes custom-made and 45.5 per cent own five to nine suits. Fourteen cents replied they have over 40 suits!

And look at the educational figures—35.5 per cent were graduated from college, 36.1 more attended college and 13.3 got past high school graduation. Of course it could be that they're the ones who like to fill out polls.

CAMPUS

AIR CONDITIONED
Opens 1:00 p.m. Ph. 4-1181
TODAY & SATURDAY



—Also—
CARTOON — SPORTS REEL

and
"Ramrod"
—Starring—
Joel McCrea
Veronica Lake

Brighter Days Ahead?

In voting to send a "good will" committee to meet with the Board of Directors in San Antonio this week end, the senior class has set a precedent that should aid considerably in reaching a better understanding between students and school officials, and in carrying through a successful school year.

The idea of "working together" has been sadly neglected on the campus of A. & M. Throughout the school's history, students and college officials have butted heads in cycles recurring much too frequently for the good of the institution.

On the students' part, too few have paused to realize that the board of directors, president, and faculty are all working toward a greater A. & M., and not plotting to undermine the institution, or found a "Texas-University-on-the-Brazos." Perhaps the vision of a nationwide reputation for research, the training of better men in the fields of agriculture, engineering, and science, and the development of new departments covering broader fields of knowledge has not been uppermost in the mind of the

typical Aggie. This has been outweighed by the more personal and pressing problems of the Cadet Corps. Nevertheless, he is interested in making A. & M. a better place than he knows it now.

Many will be surprised to read that the typical Aggie referred to above is neither a hell-raising giddy lad of the "Joe College" era, nor a particularly vengeful person bent solely on hazing freshmen students. Unfortunately, this reputation has been well established and nurtured over the state by a small percentage of the student body.

Where ever large groups of A. & M. students gather, the "two-percenters" are on hand to afford outsiders reason to criticize, and drag down the standing of the Cadet Corps.

During the mass movement to San Antonio over the weekend, we ask all members of the Aggie student body to join efforts in preventing the recurrence of last year's unfortunate episodes. If this is done, The Battalion believes that the Student Body will have made a good start for brighter days.

The Plot Thickens . . .

During this week Washington has been humming with activity. Representative J. Parnell Thomas, (R-N.J.), chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives, has mounted his milk-white steed and has begun his charge to the sea. The object of Thomas' wrath in this campaign appears to be Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the late president.

Mrs. Roosevelt was credulous enough to write a letter in 1939 to Sumner Welles, then Undersecretary of State, urging the admittance of Hanna Eisler, 54-year-old free lance artist, to the United States as a German refugee.

Eisler has admitted joining the Communist Party, but denies that he is now, or ever was, an active member of that organization. The specific point which the Un-American Committee is trying to bring out is the possibility that high government officials have knowingly permitted communists to come to this country in violation of im-

migration laws.

But this week also saw much activity at Lake Success, N. Y., home of the United Nations Assembly. Andrei Y. Vishinsky's bitter speech attacking nine citizens of the United States as "war-mongers" was delivered last week. To counter the Soviet deputy foreign minister's remarks, the United States delegation has appointed one of its members to answer Vishinsky's charge. The spokesman: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt!

Attempting to guess the reaction of the anti-New Deal press against this move should present a field day to all liberals (not communists) in the country. Perhaps Mrs. Roosevelt's speech will attack Russia and/or communism! What on earth could the reactionary press possibly say to such a charge?

Ah, well, let's simply adopt a "wait and see" attitude. We'll hop on no bandwagon until all four wheels and both axles have been tightened, checked, and double-checked by "responsible" authority!

Texas Gas in Pennsylvania?

So far, the people of Texas have not been heard from in the important hearing now being held in Washington on the application of the Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. to pump vast amounts of Texas natural gas to Pennsylvania.

David T. Searles, counsel for the company, assured the Federal Power Commission that such piping of gas would "cause no economic dislocations." He was thinking about Pennsylvania economics. What of the effect in Texas?

The Battalion believes that natural gas is one of the great natural resources of this state; we are glad to have factories move down here and use our gas, but we are not too eager to pipe away our heritage without adequate compensation—such as a reasonable tax on gas that goes outside our borders. How such a tax could help our schools!

Searles told the Federal Power Commission that customers in the Appalachian and Philadelphia areas need all the natural gas that can be furnished them through the Big and Little Inch pipelines.

Searles said, in arguments on the company's application to operate the lines permanently, that capacity deliveries of gas are needed in the Ohio-Western Pennsylvania area to meet emergency and longtime requirements. Deliveries to Philadelphia, he said, would mean the saving of \$4,000,000 a year to the Philadelphia Gas Works company alone.

He said the savings to the Philadelphia company would be brought about through the use of natural gas for enriching purposes and the replacement of petroleum in the manufacture of gas. He said the company now has a \$1,000,000 deficit and faces the possibility of a \$3,000,000 deficit at the end of the next fiscal year.

He said a second customer, the Philadelphia Electric Co., also is in need of natural gas as "a vital public necessity."

Texas Eastern, he said, plans to transport 80,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas

daily into the Philadelphia area—60,000,000 to Philadelphia Gas Works and 20,000,000 to Philadelphia Electric.

He contended this amount, though important to the two Philadelphia customers, would not have any appreciable effect on the sales of anthracite in the area. Nor, he said, would it cause any other economic dislocations.

However counsel for the anthracite industry and a number of coal-hauling railroads urged that the application of Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. for a certificate to pipe natural gas into the Philadelphia area be turned down.

Tom J. McGrath told the Power Commission during oral argument that the company has not proved it has sufficient gas for its purposes and that it has not shown firm commitments for financing the \$143,000,000 purchase from the government of the Big and Little Inch pipelines, built early in the war to move oil.

Earlier, Lambert McAllister, attorney for the Power Commission, said the commission's staff does not oppose Texas Eastern's application—including the Philadelphia portion—but suggested that certain conditions be imposed so that additional gas could be made available to certain midwest shortage areas during the next two years.

In all the discussion, Texas was not heard from.

John W. Barriger, president of the Monon railroad, is simplifying operations by eliminating box car numerals on Monon equipment. Thus, box car No. 1 on the line will be labeled simply with a "1" instead of BX-10,001.

According to the Shanghai Ts Kung Pao, the general price index in that city rose 41,203 times between the week of last June 23 and the same period in 1937. It seems the Chinese have it tough, too.

The Battalion

The Battalion, official newspaper of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the City of College Station, Texas, is published five times a week and circulated every Monday through Friday afternoon, except during holidays and examination periods. During the summer The Battalion is published semi-weekly. Subscription rate \$4 per school year. Advertising rates furnished on request.

News-contributions may be made by telephone (4-5444) or at the editorial office, Room 201, Goodwin Hall. Classified ads may be placed by telephone (4-8324) or at the Student Activities Office, Room 209, Goodwin Hall.

The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in the paper and local news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights of republication of all other matter herein are also reserved.

Member Associated College Press

Entered as second-class matter at Post Office at College Station, Texas, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Represented nationally by National Advertising Service, Inc., at New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Member Associated College Press

CHARLIE MURRAY, JIMMIE NELSON

Wick Lindley, Wire Editor; Paul Martin, Sports Editor; Patrick Block, Duke Robb, J. T. Miller, Managing Editor; Don Engstrom, Arthur Howard, Larry Goodyea, Andy Kanda, Sports Writers; David Seligman, Feature Editor; Sam Lanford, W. K. Colville, L. Gray, Cartoonists; Mack T. Niles, Feature Writer; Maurice Howell, Advertising Manager; Louis Morgan, Kenneth Bond, Columnists; D. W. Springer, Circulation Manager

would happen to prices. Then, almost surely, rationing and price control would be forced.

If a business setback develops in the U.S., the whole supply-demand situation can change almost overnight to one of abundance at lowest prices.

Americans are not to be asked to give up food so that Europe's diet can be improved beyond present levels. And the contribution that is made to this diet is not to be accounted out of the American people by any return to the controls of wartime.

PALACE

BRYAN

Last Two Days to See—

"Romance of Rosy Ridge"

with
Van Johnson
Janet Leigh

SATURDAY PREVIEW —
Sunday - Monday - Tuesday



The Largest Electrical Appliance Store in Bryan

Come in and see us for large or small appliances:

- Radios, Electric Irons, Student Lamps, Floor Lamps, Presto Cookers, Coffee Makers . . .

and many other useful
UNITED APPLIANCES, Inc.
25th & Washington Sts.
Phone 3-1406

OPEN AT 5 O'CLOCK

No cover charge for dining

DINING & DANCING

Food prepared by chef from Balinese Room
Specializing in Sea Foods and Mexican Foods



FIN FEATHER CLUB

Fin Feather Road

Ph. 2-1673

GUION HALL

FRIDAY — SATURDAY

— Two Features —

"Brute Man" and "Getting Gertie's Garter"

SUNDAY — MONDAY — TUESDAY

STOLEN!
A LOVE WAS STOLEN IN "THE GREAT WALTZ"

When a pretty girl is scorned—look out!

THE GREAT WALTZ
The Musical with the Thrill!
Starring LUISE FERDINAND MILZA
RAINER · GRAVET · KORJUS