

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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## Ideas For Improvement...

It's always easier to play a game after the final gun has sounded. All mistakes can be corrected; all decisions can be remade. Sometimes there is a second chance, and the wise person will take advantage of it.

Two weeks ago the student body had its first chance to elect members in a representative group. The establishment of such a broad organization was a commendable venture.

However, there are several possible improvements that come to mind.

(1) The name Student Life Representatives for the dorm and area delegation is confusing, there being also a group called the Student Life Committee. We suggest that the large body of student representatives be renamed the Student Assembly.

(2) Since positions in the student government are time-consuming jobs, it would be a good idea, we think, to set a minimum grade point requirement—say, 1.5. Such a requirement would assure that no one would be in danger of failing due to these extracurricular activities. A similar requirement should be set on other elected positions, such as the editors of *The Battalion* and *The Longhorn*.

## What About Our Fascists?...

The Taft-Hartley Act contains at least one provision which the public appears to favor:

"An oath that they are not Communists must be taken by the officers of any national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent union."

At the present time there is some controversy as to which officers will take the oath.

General Council Robert Denham of the National Labor Relations Board has believed that the oath must be taken by: (1) the officers of any local union seeking the law's protection and the officers of the national union of which the local is a part; and (2) the officers of the AFL and the CIO, the two organizations made up of more than 140 unions, must take the oath.

The NLRB has overruled Denham by announcing that the officers of the AFL and CIO don't have to take the oath; it is to be taken only by the officers of local and national unions. Isn't some liberal Senator and Representative missing a great opportunity for undying fame? There seems no need to require industrialists to take a non-Communist oath, but how about a similar law (or a rider to the T-H law) requiring all industrialists and manufacturers to file a non-totalitarian oath? What could be more logical?

## Hospitality From LSU...

Football weekends differ greatly in quality. Last week provided one of the best and one of the worst. The bad one, of course, was the Texas-Oklahoma fracas in Dallas when disappointed Sooners littered the Cotton Bowl turf with broken coke bottles. The good one was at Baton Rouge, where LSU gave Aggie rooters such a hearty welcome that we Texans were flabbergasted. We boast of our Texas hospitality, but in Louisiana we got better than we usually give.

At Baton Rouge, when time for midnight yell practice came, LSU leaders climbed the hotel marquee along with our own, alternated in leading cheers. Aggies and Louisianans lined up shoulder to shoulder. As a gesture, LSU leaders conducted an Aggie yell (while their supporters made an awkward, unaccustomed hump!) and A.&M. led a cheer for LSU.

Friday afternoon visiting Aggies found dates provided for them at a dance-reception on the LSU campus. (Said one Aggie, "What is this, heaven?") Many of those dates sat with cadets later in the Aggie section. Willis W. Long, president of the LSU student body, welcomed all Aggies to the LSU campus, then dashed off to a conference being held by Jim Fort, editor of the *Daily Reville*, with Farris Block and Vick Lindley of the *Battalion* staff.

Louie H. Wagner, cadet lieutenant colonel of the LSU ROTC corps, in a ceremony at the gymnasium proffered the LSU saber to Bill Brown, colonel of cadets at A.&M. (Are you surprised at such a military gesture on the part of LSU? That institution was founded as a military college similar to A. & M., is nicknamed "the ole war skule," and conducts a highly-rated ROTC program.)

Did such a reception soften up the Aggies when game time came? Certainly not.

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Situation in India...

## Politics and Religion Don't Mix, Declares Hindu Student

By H. RAY BURKHART  
 "The bloodshed, vandalism, and civil strife that is following in the wake of India's announced independence can be attributed to the mixing of politics and religion."

So says Dr. C. K. Rao, Indian graduate student, who is studying at A. & M. this semester. When interviewed on the campus a few days ago, this slender, dark and handsome, young Hindu talked freely of India's problems and subjects of interest. He seemed very eager to acquaint the listener with his opinions concerning the causes of the riots that have dogged India's first steps toward democracy.

"It is tragic that at the very threshold of our long-dreamed-of independence the British and Moslem leaders cannot lay aside personal ambitions and work together with the other leaders of India for an undivided and peaceful India," said Dr. Rao.

The degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine was conferred upon C. K. Rao at the Madras College of Veterinary Medicine at Madras, India in 1943. He was then called into the Indian Army and served as a Veterinary Officer until July 1946. At that time he was released from active duty to compete with other country on a government scholarship. He is one of the two

thousand Indian students studying in the United States at the present time under scholarships granted by their government.

Since his arrival in this country, Dr. Rao has studied two semesters at the University of California College of Agriculture, Davis, California, where he did graduate work in animal breeding. He received his master of science degree in animal husbandry from that institution in May, 1947.

He is studying reproductive physiology and foreign languages while he is at A. & M. After completing his work here, Dr. Rao plans to return to Madras College as a professor in veterinary medicine.

When questioned in regard to the plans for a greater educational system in India's future, Dr. Rao replied, "It is food for the body and the problem of feeding India's starving millions that must be the chief concern although at the same time, all possible facilities for education must be provided." (India's population is close to four hundred millions and only six to eight percent of her people are literate.)

Even though the picture in India appears very dark at this time, Dr. Rao is optimistic in regard to the progress that is being made, and confident of the ability of his people to solve the problems of their country.

Hollywood Round-up...

## Father O'Malley Returns to Screen For Crosby Sequel

By BOB THOMAS  
**HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 10 (AP)**—Father O'Malley, the genial, crooning, straw-hatted clergyman, is going to return to the screen. Producer-Director Leo McCarey tells me he plans yet another sequel for the Bing Crosby character who reaped a harvest of academy awards for "Going My Way" and a box-office bonanza with the "Bells of St. Mary's." Bing will do a film, as yet unannounced, with Leo's Rainbow Productions next year and after that would come the O'Malley opus. Ingrid Bergman will not play her nun role again because, says Leo, "we don't want to cover the same ground again."

McCarey's proposed film in which Hope, Sinatra and Crosby would play themselves has been abandoned. The director worked five months on the deal, but it folded when Hope gave Paramount

his one extra picture he can do each year.

★ Gary Cooper says he will finish "Good Sam" in time to testify Oct. 24 at the house un-American affairs hearing in Washington. But Cooper is puzzled as to why he was called. "All I can give them is hearsay," he says. . . . Esther Williams heads east for an appearance tour in New England and elsewhere to herald her picture, "This Time For Keeps." Stars will be meeting the public more now that their pictures have to be more prosperous in this country to offset the British loss. When Esther returns she'll write her book on how to swim. She starts "Neptune's Daughter" in January. . . .

Repay Overpayments

Veterans who fail to repay subsistence allowance over payments while in education or training under the GI Bill and who later apply for unemployment or self-employment allowances will have the amounts they owe the Government deducted from the latter benefit checks, the Veterans Administration has stated.

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