

Battalions EDITORIALS

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Give Now to the Community Chest...

College employees and residents of College Station have until Monday, November 10, to contribute to one of the most charitable organizations in the United States—the Community Chest.

The budget this year for the College Community Chest is \$8,243.60, a slight reduction from last year's budget. This amount can be raised if every citizen will contribute to the Community Chest at least one-half of one day's pay. Last year persons were asked for three-fourths of one day's pay.

What used to be a series of campaigns soliciting funds for thirteen different organizations has been placed into one BIG drive for 1947-48. Contributors may designate their donations for the benefit of one of the thirteen funds if they so desire.

Of the \$8,243.60 budget the American Red Cross will receive \$1,800, J. D. Prewitt, chairman of the Community Chest commit-

tee, stated. The Boy Scouts will receive \$1,646, and the Girl Scouts \$1,047.60.

The total budget for 1947-48 is as follows:

American Red Cross	\$1,800.00
Boy Scouts	1,646.00
Girl Scouts	1,047.60
YMCA	600.00
Mothers and Dads Club	
A&M Consolidated	600.00
World Student Service Fund	500.00
Brazos County Health Unit	500.00
College Station Recreational Council	500.00
Tubercular Fund	300.00
County Hospitalization	300.00
Salvation Army	200.00
Contingent Fund	150.00
Local Charity	100.00

Total Budget \$8,243.60

Should Communists Be Outlawed...

Calm, cool words about Communists are hard to find these days. With Russia admittedly unfriendly to the United States, with a fifth column known to be at work, with the daily evidence of damage done by Communists to other countries, it is hard for us to avoid a nervousness which borders on hysteria.

But hysteria is just what Communism feeds on. No country ever suppressed radicals more severely than Russia, yet it was in Russia that the Communist Revolution became a reality. (Marx predicted that the Revolution would come first in America. His error causes Communist theoreticians no end of embarrassment. We blew off steam, Russia blew off the lid.)

The St. Louis Post Dispatch, one of the great liberal newspapers of the country, used much of its editorial page Sunday to discuss the proposal to outlaw the Communist party. Because we cannot say it half so well, we pass along some of its comments.

A big build-up is on to outlaw the Communist party in this country. The investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee of Communists in the moving picture industry is part of it. So is the call of the new national commander of the American Legion, James F. O'Neil, for a series of "harsh measures against Communists in America."

When Congress re-assembles, there will be a rush to sponsor bills to bar the Communist party from the ballot. Congressman Cole, who represents the northeast Missouri district, has already announced that he will introduce such a bill on the opening day of the special session. Says Mr. Cole:

"The earlier we wipe out every vestige of this venomous activity within our borders, the stronger we shall keep ourselves to withstand its attack from others."

With Russian intrigue and aggrandizement confronting us in the UN as well as in Europe and Asia, it is only natural that this reaction should take form in the United States. Such a reaction is even desirable to the extent that it represents popular awareness of the tensions and dangers in the world.

But it would do irreparable harm to historic American principles, on which our free life is based, if this attitude developed into an uncontrolled hysteria. This is a danger today no less than the Communist menace itself.

We do not need to support the ends of the Communists in even the slightest degree to say that their right to a place in free elections in a democratic society is a protection of the political rights of all groups, large as well as small.

Were the United States to ban the Communist party, a precedent would be set for similar action against other minority groups as they fell from favor. Dissent would become perilous and the American nation would lose the freedom of conscience and expression which has been the very heart of our way of life. Moreover, we would lose the heaven out of our political system.

The history of our parties makes this clear. We have a two-party system, but the major parties have changed from time to time. Also they have regularly adopted as their own the ideas of the minority parties. Lincoln's Republican party was a small, dissident group before the 1860 election, formed because the major parties, including the

now forgotten Whigs, had failed on the issue of slavery.

The Populist party did not elect James B. Weaver as President in 1892, but it did campaign for a graduated income tax, postal savings banks, regulation of corporate practices and action generally by government to redress the "grievous wrongs inflicted on the suffering poor."

To read the Populist platform after half a century is to hear the outcry of a small band which lost the battle but in the end, whether they lived to know it or not, won the war.

The Progressive party of the LaFollettes in Wisconsin, and on the broader base of a national effort in 1924, is another case in point. Almost everything the elder LaFollette advocated as a lone voice in the forefront of this century has been enacted by the major parties. Norman Thomas has complained, and with no little justice, that the Republicans and Democrats have stolen regularly from the Socialist platforms.

These groups have been the seedbed of ideas. They have kept our parties astir when the oldline bosses would have lulled them to slumber. In short, the minority parties have given life to American politics.

We do not mean to imply that the Communist party should be protected for the ideas which it might give to the United States. The point is that if one discredited minority party can be banned so may meritorious political groups be banned. All are secure in their freedom or none is secure.

In fact, it was none other than J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, who caused the defeat last March of a proposal to outlaw the Communist party. After Mr. Hoover's testimony before a congressional committee, nothing more was heard of the bill for the rest of the session. His advice was against taking "any course which would give the Communists cause to portray and pity themselves as martyrs."

The most frightening thing about the Communists, as the Washington Post said recently, "is not so much what they can do to us, but what we can do to ourselves if we listen to the counsel of the witch hunters."

In the time of emergency, there is all the more reason for people to keep their heads. The American people will not do it by following after the hysterical shouters for suppression of Communists. They will keep their heads if they remain true and to the great principle of Voltaire, vibrant and inspiring after two centuries: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Let us not outlaw the Communist party. Let us instead triumph over Communism.

A caption on the front page of the Bryan (Texas) Daily Eagle read: "Black and White kitten gets its paws bathed." But the picture above showed hogs going into the stock yards! Some kittens!

The Hoboken (N.J.) Jersey Observer quoted a local minister as saying in Easter sermon: "Man should have faith in immortality."

Under "Articles for Sale" in the Boston (Mass.) Post appeared a display ad reading: "LAWN SWIMMING POOL HOLDS 9,000 GALS."

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As MacKenzie Sees It...

UN Ought to Welcome Plea For Referendum in India

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

One would think the United Nations ought to welcome the offer by Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of the Dominion of India, to submit the political fate of the princely state of Kashmir to a referendum conducted under the auspices of the peace organization as soon as the current invasion of Pathan tribesmen has been dealt with and tranquility has been restored.

There would be a chance for the U. N. to halt its international dog-fight and do a constructive job of immense importance. I use the adjective "immense" advisedly because the Kashmir situation is so grave that out of it could grow a civil war which would rend the entire Indian sub-continent with its four hundred million people.

The position is so complicated that we venture to recapitulate: the state of Kashmir is ruled by a Hindu Maharajah whose family actually owns this vasty rich and beautiful principality—one of the world's most famous vacation haunts. But while the prince is a Hindu, the great majority of his some 4,000,000 subjects are Moslems.

When the Indian peninsula last summer was divided into two independent dominions—Hindu India and Moslem Pakistan—the Maharajah of Kashmir maintained his independence until recently when his state was invaded by Moslem Pathans from neighboring Pakistan. Then he joined the Hindu dominion of India and called for military aid, which he has received. The fighting continues.

Thus a Moslem population has

been joined to a Hindu dominion, an unfortunate combination which has produced terrible communal bloodshed over the centuries because of the religious differences. Quite naturally Pakistan thinks Kashmir should join that Moslem dominion. In fact the Kashmir government alleges that the Pathan invasion was inspired by Pakistan.

Pandit Nehru didn't elaborate on his proposal. Presumably the referendum would be to decide whether the state would join Pakistan or India, but wouldn't affect the rule of the Hindu Maharajah. Other princes have joined the dominions without losing their thrones.

Of course any solution of this dangerous situation will cause heart-burning somewhere. Still, a referendum looks like a fair and honorable method of deciding the issue, and certainly the U. N. is concerned in a matter affecting the peace of the whole Indian peninsula, which means the peace of the world.

Guest Methodist Ministers to Talk

Reverend W. C. Pope, Superintendent of the Texas Conference Methodist Encampment, Palestine, Texas, will be the guest minister and speaker at the Morning Worship Services, Sunday, November 9th, to be held from 9 to 11 a.m.

Reverend Lee Phillips, College Minister and Professor of History and Philosophy at Prairie View Normal, will bring the message at the Evening Worship Hour at 7 p.m. Phillips' subject will be "Broadening Life's Perspective." He is also bringing with him a male quartet which will present a message of song consisting of Negro spirituals and favorite gospel hymns.

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Hollywood Round-Up...

Filmtown Morale At Lowest Ebb Murphy Reports

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD — (AP)—Morale in Hollywood is at its lowest ebb. That's the report of George Murphy, one of the filmtown's leaders. George cited reasons for the low state of things—strikes, the British tax situation, the Washington investigation. Add to this the hundreds out of work because of economy campaigns and you can see why studios are not the happy, screwy places they used to be.

One reason for the lack of spirit de corps, George remarked on "the big city" set, is the absence of co-ordination between the various phases of production. No one knows what his fellow worker is doing. George says the situation won't improve until production departments work together as a team and film making becomes a more friendly business.

Cary Grant's last U. S. film until 1949 will be "Blandings." The actor says his Korde film abroad will be his only picture in 1948. Dorothy Lamour says she'll do a baller in her musical at Columbia. That I gotta see... It can be done in Hollywood: The Bill Bendixes are celebrating their 19th wedding anniversary, the Jerry Colonias their 17th.

Robert Ryan is getting a nice new contract at RKO. He'll earn two to three grand a week, more than double his present wage. Lucille Ball is getting picky about her next role. She says some day she's going to snag an academy award. Consider yourself warned: songs entitled "Forever Amber" and "Remember Mama" will be inflicted on the public to plug the pictures. Let's see 'em write one around "Mourning becomes Electra."

Doris Day has bought a house and will be able to bring her four-year-old son here from Cincinnati. The man most interested in the

possible success of "The Bishop's Wife" is Bill Seiter, who directed the first version, which was junked at a cost of \$900,000. Bill thought it should have been a comedy. Sam Goldwyn a "Documentary Fantasy." Goldwyn said the actors had to be unhappy to do good work. Bill said he couldn't work with unhappy actors. So he quit. Linda Darnell is pleading for a modern-day comedy. She's tired of lugging around heavy costumes and fancy hair-dos.

SET SWEATT CASE
 AUSTIN, TEX., Nov. 6.—(AP)—The case of Herman Marion Swatt versus T. S. Painter, president of the University of Texas and others in which Swatt, a Negro, seeks to force his admission to the university law school, has been scheduled for submission and oral argument in the third court of civil appeals on Jan. 14.

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