

Battalion EDITORIALS

Page 2 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1948

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Education--Not 'Rights' ...

The now familiar battle of words about the feasibility of a program of federal aid for education—a politics-ridden issue that has been pro and conned almost to death—is back in print again. Or should we say still?

Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont has introduced a bill into congress calling for federal aid to schools. In addition to renewing the fight for the eventual approval of the program, the bill has brought forth a volume of words, oaths, threats and moans from a variety of individuals who would rather die with states rights at their side than see schools receive financial help from the government.

The arguments against federal aid for public schools are familiar; they have been aired over and over again, breeds socialism . . . infringes on states' rights . . . will mean beginning of the end of civil liberties . . . our children will be seduced by government propaganda if the latter takes over the schools.

To attempt to refute these arguments without consuming several reams of paper would be useless; suffice it to say: Are the people of the United States going to stand dignantly and defiantly on "their constitutional rights" while their children learn in

one-room shanties and are taught by underpaid, and in some cases, unqualified teachers?

It seems to us that it is time the people of the United States stopped worrying about a possible loss of abstract "right" and began looking out for the welfare of their children.

As the alleged leading nation of the world the United States possesses a school system of which she can hardly be proud.

The percentage of failures in colleges show, among other things, the lack of preparation in high schools. The elementary and high schools of the United States in general, rural areas in particular and southern rural areas especially, are doing an undeniably poor job. This situation has existed a long time. The states concerned have done little to remedy the situation themselves.

It seems logical that these states, having failed, would be willing to turn the task of revitalizing American education over to the federal government.

The need is for education—not "rights." If America produces a literate, capable generation of college graduates in the next 20 years, the "rights" will take care of themselves.

Real Test for the U.N. . . .

As Britain begins her withdrawal from Palestine, the United Nations Security Council faces what is perhaps its most crucial test to date: enforcement of the partitioning of the Holy Land.

At present British troops are doing this costly and troublesome job. When they leave, the Security Council will have a moral obligation to pick up where Britain left off. This may mean establishment of the long-debated international police force, something that has not previously existed in the history of the world.

Up until this time, the United Nations has not had to face such an immediate issue. In the past it has been possible to postpone certain problems without tragic results, but the Palestine situation must be faced now.

Whether the U. N. can ever become an effective organization will depend on what action they take soon. A strong force must be organized and sent into Palestine to settle the present disturbances. To send this force

in after the British troops have withdrawn would be too late. The U. N. must begin to occupy as British withdraws.

The organization of such a force would, of course, be subject to a British veto, but it is not likely that England would veto such action unless they were called upon to assume the major burden of controlling the two opposing factions.

If any future work is to be done in Palestine on the partitioning problem, protection must be afforded the people doing this work. This is another reason that the U. N. must provide adequate force in this troubled land; the British government has stated that it will not furnish protection to any committee after two weeks before the surrender of the mandate.

If the future peace and security of the world is to be assured, the United Nations should begin now to lay the ground work for an international police force to uphold its decisions.

Voice From the Grave? . . .

Although Houston property owners voted down a proposal to zone the city in Saturday's election, the feeling generated during the campaign will probably continue to be felt for quite some time.

In the end the issue developed into a verbal battle between H. R. Cullen, wealthy philanthropist and oil man, and Jesse Jones, former director of the Reconstruction Finance Company and Houston banker, newspaper publisher, and property owner.

Cullen and the Greater Houston Planning Commission were against zoning. Several full page advertisements in the three Houston papers, each containing many "charged" propaganda words and phrases, listed the dangers of a zoning law. Apportion of one of the Association's ads will illustrate this:

"Zoning is a threat to the American way of life, to our basic freedom. It is another form of regimentation that insidiously threatens our American freedoms and must be defeated by an aroused and informed citizenry."

In larger type it continues:

"Kill this legalistic monster spawned in Europe and disguised in the squalid Eastern cities as a device to 'protect your home!' Oddly enough, no effort was made by the planning commission to point out the advantages or disadvantages of zoning. . . . it was content to avoid the issue."

A few days before the voting Cullen wrote a letter to each of the papers pointing out the danger of the "un-American, German plan" of zoning. All three papers published the letter.

The next day Cullen wrote another letter to the papers. . . this one of a slightly different nature. He revealed that he had resigned from the many boards and commissions of which he was a member.

One reason given for Cullen's wholesale resignations was that Jones' paper, The Houston Chronicle, had not been fair in its presentation of both sides of the zoning question. Cullen said that the articles on zoning which had appeared in The Chronicle "were all one-sided. It is an insult to the intelligence of the reader of The Chronicle to present only one side. A man ought to be fair."

Cullen's letter listed some of the civic and educational improvements in which he had had a hand: the University of Houston (he was chairman of the board of regents), the Art Museum, the Houston Medical Center and the Symphony Orchestra.

It was the close of the letter that may strike a resonant chord in the reader's mind:

"It has been a pleasure to help build this city up to now, but Jesse Jones has been away from here most of the time for the last twenty-five or thirty years, and has come back to Houston and decided, with the influence of the press here and the assistance of a bunch of New York Jews, to run our city, so I am going to give our city to Jesse and his crowd."

Even though Cullen later asked that news papers substitute the word "merchant" for "Jews" it is possible that Houstonians may wonder if time has not demonstrated the validity of a rather famous saying: "Tell an untruth outrageous enough and repeat it often enough, and unthinking people will accept it as the truth."

The author of that gem was Adolph Hitler.

BRIDE HONORED AT BATHROOM SHOWER Grafton (N.D.) County Record

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 (4-5324) or at the Student Activities Office, Room 209, Goodwin Hall.

All-American Member of The Associated Press

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.

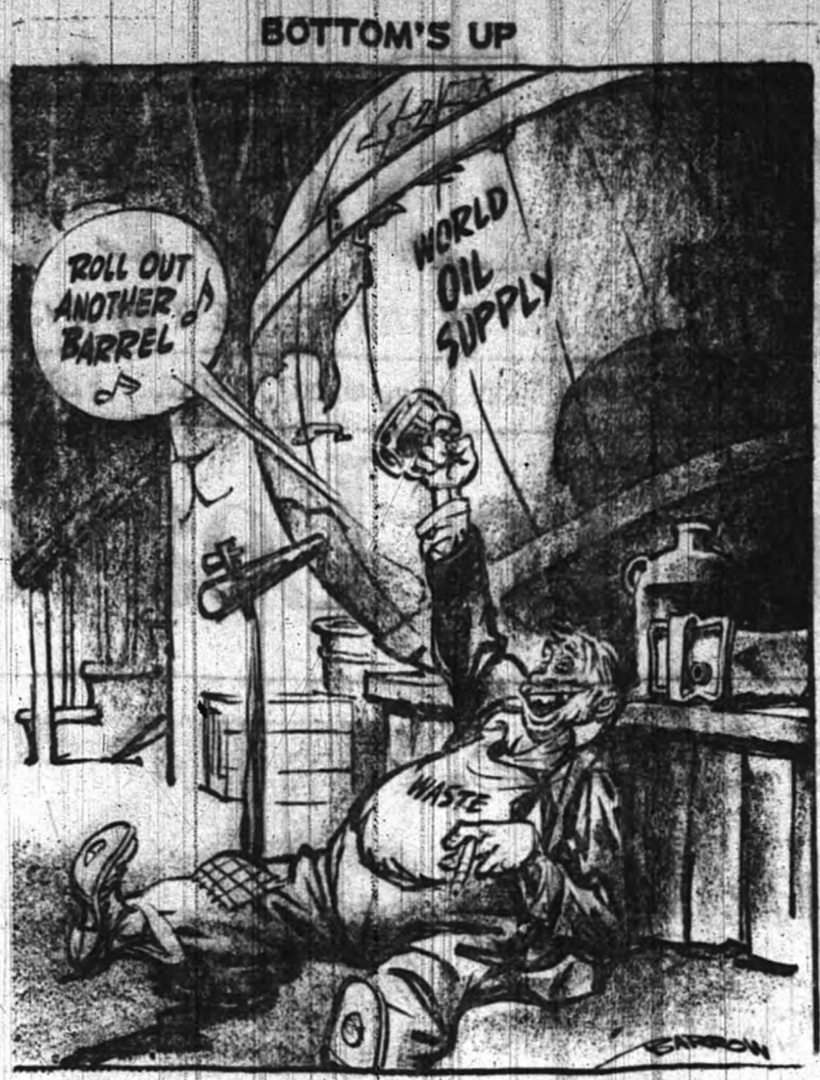
Entered as second-class matter at the Office at College Station, Texas, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. Associated Collegiate Press Member

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

CHARLIE MURRAY, JIMMIE NELSON Co-Editors

View Lindsey, Editor-in-Chief; Mack T. Nolan, Business Manager; T. L. Billingsley, Larry Goodwin, Tom Carter, Ted Colquhoun, Truman G. Nelson, C. C. Munroe, C. C. Travis, James H. Nelson, Otto R. Kuntz, J. C. Falls, John B. Singletary, Reporters

Maurice Howell, Advertising Manager; David M. Sallinger, Movie Columnist; Sam Lanford, K. J. Marx, Larry Gray, Cartoonists; Art Howard, Sports Editor; James Deakin, Fred Mastala, Fred Hammons, Football Writers; Hershell Shelby, Sports Writers; Bob Kenneally, Circulation Manager



Letters

THREE YEARS OLDER
Editor, The Battalion

In your recent historical series you failed to do right by one of my favorite publications, "The Agriculturist."

The forerunner of this monthly, "The Texas A. & M. Countryman," was founded in 1930, not in 1933 as you said. The editor, oddly enough was not an agricultural student, but T. B. Ketterson, Jr., who happened to take a course in Agricultural Journalism and got drafted by the magazine. The Technoscope Battalion magazine were all founded at the same time, the Spring of 1930.

Yours indignantly
THOMAS A. HALFF

QUEEN

TODAY & FRIDAY
"CARNEGIE HALL"

PALACE

PHONE 2-8879
TODAY & SATURDAY

A GUY WITH A LUST FOR LIVING!
JOHN GARFIELD - PALMER LILLI
and introducing HAZEL BROOK
BODY and SOUL

it's the BEST NEWS of '48
M-G-M's
GOOD NEWS
in Gay sparkling TECHNICOLOR!
JUNE PETER ALLYSON LAWFORD
A METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER PICTURE

GUION HALL

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
—Big Double Feature—

SONJA HENIE
JOHN PAYNE
with
GLENN MILLER AND HIS ORCHESTRA
Sun Valley Serenade
Produced by MILTON SPERLING
Directed by N. BRUCE HENDERSTON

Carole LANDIS
in
"A Scandal in Paris"

with
KIM TAMIROFF
GENE LOCKHART
Directed by DOUGLAS SIKOR
Starring by ELLIS ST. JOSEPH
Produced by ARNOLD PRESSBURGER
Released thru United Artists

SUNDAY and MONDAY

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.
MAUREN O'HARA - WALTER SLEZAK
SINBAD THE SAILOR
with ANTHONY QUINN - GEORGE THOMAS
LANS CASTLE - MARY MARSH - IN TECHNICOLOR

What's Cooking? Teacher Exams To Be Held Feb. 7-14

BRAZOS VALLEY KENNEL CLUB, Obedience Training Class, 2 p.m., every Sunday, front of Administration Building. AICHe, 6 p.m., Saturday. Banquet, Sbis Hall.

The annual National Teacher Examination will be held at Texas A. & M. February 7 and 14, according to G. B. Wilcox, head of the education and psychology department.

The Common Examination battery, consisting of general education and professional information tests, will be given on February 7. Optional Examinations covering the subject matter to be taught will be administered on February 14. The examinations, which will be held in Room 102, Academic Building, are to be administered by Wilcox.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"

New Students

While you are registering, may we invite you to "enroll", visit and worship with us regularly upon the Lord's Day.

ONE BLOCK NORTH OF NORTH GATE

Sermon Sunday Morning, Feb. 8th
10:45
"Soul, What is thy Worth?"

By JAMES F. FOWLER, Minister

A. & M.
CHURCH OF CHRIST

REGULAR SERVICES

Bible Study Sun. Morn, 9:45
Worship Service Sun. Morn. 10:45
Sunday Evening Service, 7:15
Mid-Week Service Wed. 7:15 p.m.
Young People's Forum Sun. 6:15 p.m.

COOKING CLASS FOR YOUNG HOUSEWIVES

to be presented by

GULF STATES UTILITIES CO.

Home Economists

Mildred Tribble
Dorothy Moore

FEBRUARY 9
7:30 P.M.

AG. ENG. AUDITORIUM

Sponsored by the VETERANS' WIVES GROUP OF A&M COLLEGE

EVERYONE IS INVITED

WIVES, BRING YOUR HUSBANDS!