

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Cold War Getting Hotter...

Have we been kidding ourselves about this "cold war"? Are we actually headed for a "hot" war in the near future? We certainly hope not, but news stories these days are not particularly heartening.

The State Department is no longer mining words in talking to Russia. Loyd W. Henderson, director of the State Department's office of Near Eastern affairs, has warned the Soviet Union that the United States will "not stand idly by" and let Greece come under the hammer and sickle flag. Witnesses before a Congressional committee this week have stated, from their experience as "insiders" in the Communist movement, that the United States is "No. 1 target" of revolutionary plans.

And yesterday in San Antonio, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said that selective service is "getting ready for whatever comes up." The director of the Office of Selective Service said "we've got three or four plans ready just in case."

But he quickly pointed out that he didn't know whether there would be a war right away, later or ever.

Hershey, who presided at the Fish Bowl when soldiers for World War II were called up, was in San Antonio to confer with armed forces reserve officers from a five-state area in regard to potential military manpower.

He listed the four plans "ready for whatever comes up":

1. National registration—"to find out what we've got."
2. Universal military training—"that's for the military training of the youngsters 18 to 20 years old."
3. Supplementary recruiting—"that's in case the recruiting program fails."
4. Complete mobilization—"you know what that means."

He minimized the importance of the first three plans.

"Complete mobilization," he said, "will be mainly educational." "We want everybody to know what to do when the time comes."

And he indicated he meant "everybody." He deplored the military power of the U. S. today. "It sunk soon after the signing of the peace treaty with Japan. All the boys wanted to come home."

Other unpleasant items from the Associated Press wires:

George M. Dimitrov, exiled Bulgarian political leader, said yesterday "American traitors" are being trained right now in Russia for eventual duty in this country.

Dimitrov also told a congressional committee that:

"America is Communist target No. 1." Under the Red plan of world domination, America is supposed to suffer most and get the cruelest treatment of any nation.

## Personal Information

Some people think professors have single track minds with a rail missing. Some people believe that each teacher knows only his own subject and is capable of talking only on his own subject. Undoubtedly both opinions have some factual basis in some instances. But we know a professor of whom such things are not true.

Dr. D. S. Powell is teaching a course in Victorian essays this semester, and according to the gossip of some committee or other he conducts his class in agriculture 110. When the class convened recently there were sketches of two fruit-flies on the blackboard, one with red eyes. Dr. Powell gave his English literature class a most interesting lecture on the subject of fruit-flies, genetics and the mutation of genes with a flourishing wind up on the subject of the translation of diabetes from parent to child.

We wonder how many profs who hold classes in out-of-their-department classrooms could comment on the material left on the blackboard by the teachers immediately preceding them.

Note from Brisacher, Van Norden & Staff, advertising engineers: "In publicity story... please eliminate the phrase 'sun drenched patio' and insert 'cool shaded patio with rippling fountain.'"

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## HOW GREEN IS HIS VALLEY?



## Only Vets in Schools to Get Subsistence Raise, Says VA

Only veterans in schools, colleges and universities pursuing full-time courses of education will be entitled to increased subsistence allowances under the law signed Saturday by President Truman, the War Veterans Administration office said today.

Part-time students, on-the-job trainees and others will not be entitled to the increases, the VA ruling held. The bill signed into law amends the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill) and the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16) for the disabled.

The new payments will be at the monthly rate of 75 dollars for a veteran without dependents, 105 dollars for a veteran with one dependent, and 120 dollars for a veteran with more than one dependent.

The higher rates are applicable to periods of training on and after April 1. However, since subsistence allowance checks are not due until the end of the month in which the veteran is in training, most of the eligible veteran-students will receive their first checks at the higher rates on or shortly after May 1. Veterans taking any of the following types of training are not entitled to the increases, but will continue to receive subsistence payments at the old rates of 65 dollars a month for those without dependents and 90 dollars for those with dependents:

1. Part-time institutional training.
2. Institutional on-the-job training.
3. Apprenticeship or other on-the-job training, for which veterans receive compensation for productive labor.
4. Combination or cooperative training in which students attend school part time and are employed part time, usually in a related field.

## Truman Denounces Privileged Few in Jackson Day Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—President Truman headed into the 1948 campaign today with a call for the common people to rally around in a battle against "the privileged few."

In a 30-minute Jefferson-Jackson Day speech the president never did refer directly to the challenge he faces from angry Southerners in his own party.

Nor did he mention directly the threat to Democratic presidential chances offered by Henry A. Wallace's third party.

He spoke highly of Thomas Jefferson's attacks against "laws that restricted citizenship." And he said the Democratic party still believes, in protecting the rights of "all the groups and individuals in our nation."

Before him as he spoke were a dozen empty seats—paid for and left empty—by Southern protesters protesting his civil rights program.

Mr. Truman lumped opponents of his legislative program together as the forces of "reactionary conservatism."

He described those who stand against his proposals for improving social security, justice, production, education and housing as "defeatists," "backward-looking" and "men of small vision and faint hearts."

He said the Democrats offer a "parcel of progressive liberalism" and "progressive liberals will rally to the Democratic party."

But while the president was making his confident speech the Southern revolt within his own party got hotter still.

Senator Byrd (D-Va.) asserted in a speech at Richmond that Mr. Truman's civil rights commission had urged a "mass invasion of states' rights."

Southern congressmen from at least three states called a conference today to organize against the anti-lynch anti-poll tax and no-color-line proposals.

Senator McGrath of Rhode Island, Democratic national chairman, told a reporter he will see governors of five southern states on the matter Monday. He listed the chief executives of South Carolina, Texas, Arkansas, Virginia and Maryland.

The president talked twice last night—first impromptu to one section of the Jefferson-Jackson dinner at the Statler Hotel and then in a prepared address to the section at the Mayflower.

At the Statler he struck at attempts by the GOP-controlled Congress to cut his budget and reduce federal taxes.

## Trampling Out the Vintage...

## Law-Abiding Texan Moans Fate in Chicago; Lands in Jail After Being 'Good Citizen'

By LARRY GOODWIN

Today's oddity in the news comes from Chicago where one Arthur Casper can't understand why he had to spend Monday night in jail.

According to an Associated Press story, Casper had seen a burglar, scuffled with him, and then killed him when he tried to escape. But police locked him up, even though one praised him for his deed.

The 19-year-old Bishop, Texas' ex-Marine told police he saw a broken front door glass in a grocery store and a man moving furtively about inside.

Police said the youth, now an electrical school student here, told them he pulled out his pocket knife and stabbed the intruder when he tried to escape.

The dead man was identified by Police as Edward J. (Six Toes) Dicks.

"We take our citizenship seriously down in Texas," the puzzled Casper told newsmen after he was detained without charge pending an inquest today. "If you see someone committing a crime you try to stop him. But you don't wind up in jail yourself," the Texan moaned.

Police Captain John Griffin said Casper must be held for the inquest because "we always hold a man in a case like this when there were no witnesses."

But from a personal viewpoint, Griffin said: "It was a very brave deed."

## ARSON

PHILADELPHIA—Richard Light, a landlord, has been charged with arson after Fire Marshal George Gallagher said Light admitted in a signed statement trying to evict two tenants with the aid of smoke from a rubbish fire. Gallagher said the blaze in a bucket of rubbish on an apartment house stairway was extinguished by firemen after flames had scorched the stairs. In the statement, Gallagher said Light declared: "I must have had a crazy day."

## ACCURACY

RONKONKOMA, N.Y.—Postal employees, puzzled by the letters "N.Y." in place of the zone number on mail addressed to a schoolboy here, yielded to curiosity and asked him about it. The youngster said it was simple as could be. He had been answering advertisements, and in filling out the coupons with his mailing address he merely abbreviated "north temperate" in the zone space.

## RUMMY AFTER 10

A famous producer came home at nine in the morning, and explained that he had taken his beau-

tiful secretary to dinner the evening before, imbibed too much champagne and could remember nothing that happened after 10 p.m. "Don't lie to me," said his wife coldly. "I bet you were playing gin rummy again!"

## LOSES PANTS IN SUBWAY

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A man stretched out for a cat nap on a subway station bench and his pants were stolen. A sneak thief unbuttoned the trousers and slipped them off. Passersby saw two bare legs and summoned police.

A wakened, penniless and unhappy, the victim declined to give his name or file a complaint. "Forget the whole deal," he said.

## FULL OF PRUNES

BALTIMORE—Know any good recipes for prune dishes? The Maryland Department of Education has to serve 21,000 pounds of the dried fruit to school kids in the next few weeks, whether the youngsters like it or not. One of the department's officials explained the prunes were sent here under terms of the Federal lunch-money program.

"Federal officials buy them to keep them off the market," he said. "and we dish 'em out."

## AND RABBITS

RANTOUL, Ill.—The next member of the Rantoul Rotary Club who misses two consecutive meetings had better be mighty fond of rabbits.

The club, engaged in an attendance contest, voted that the penalty for missing two meetings in a row would be to care for a rabbit. Then the rabbit had a blessed event—and the little rabbits now go with her.

## LIKE CAPISTRANO SWALLOWS

BERNARDSVILLE, N. J.—This certainly must be the first New Jersey mosquito story of the year and Frank Ader, a local fireman, said maybe it was a sign winter is over. Sporting a large swelling on his neck, Mr. Ader said he was bitten by a mosquito which he had killed with the help of a second man. He said they dragged the mosquito into the fire station, and they plan to have it stuffed.

## IN A TIGHT SQUEEZE EARLY

PHILADELPHIA—Two-year-old Stephen Earle got himself into such a tight squeeze while sleeping that it took two policemen to free him. The youngster accidentally wedged his head between the metal bars of his crib. His mother, Mrs. Marie Earle, twenty, was awakened by his cries and called police. Two officers bent the bars apart. The boy's father, Frank, is a Navy aviation ordnance man second class, stationed at Norfolk, Va.

**Campus**  
Opens 01:0 p.m. 4-1181

TODAY - SATURDAY

**CROSBY and HOPE**  
**LAMOUR**  
**ROAD TO RIO**  
A Paramount Picture

Friday Features  
1:20 - 3:30 - 5:35 - 7:50 - 10:00  
Saturday Features  
1:00 - 3:00 - 5:00 - 7:05 - 9:10

Cartoon - News

SATURDAY PREVUE

Also

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

A 1ST RUN ATTRACTION

**A STRANGE CASE OF MURDER!**  
**FRANCHOT TONE BLAIR**  
**I LOVE TROUBLE!**  
A Columbia Picture

Sunday Features  
4:40 - 3:45 - 5:50 - 8:00 - 1:00

Cartoon - Short - News

**Quion Hall**

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

**SWELL GUY...!**  
Except to the women who really know him!

**PALACE**  
TODAY AND ALL THIS WEEK  
A PICTURE TO BE WARMED AND EXCITED BY  
**GREEN**  
**Dolphin STREET**  
Lana TURNER - Van HEFLIN  
Donna REED - Richard HART

MARK HELLINGER presents  
**SONNY TUFTS**  
**ANN BEYTH**  
**Swell Guy**  
with **RUTH WARRICK**  
WILLIAM GARGAN • THOMAS GOMEZ  
MARY NASH • JOHN LITEL

**Quion**

SUNDAY - MONDAY

Look at her eyes...! She's kissing one man and dreaming of another!

**GREEN**  
**GARSON's Great "DESIRE ME"**  
**ROBERT MITCHUM** and **RICHARD HART**  
Produced by ARTHUR HORNBLOW, Jr.

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

The glamorous life of America's most romantic troubadour!  
**I wonder who's kissing her now!**  
Presented by **Technicolor!**  
**JUNE HAVER**  
**MARK STEVENS**  
Directed by LLOYD BACON  
Produced by GEORGE JESSEL  
20th CENTURY-FOX

COMING:

**TOGETHER AGAIN!!!!**  
**HUMPHREY BOGART**  
**LAUREN BACALL**  
**WARNER BROS. DARK PASSAGE**  
BRUCE BENNETT AGNES MOOREHEAD TOM D'ANDREA DENNIS DAVES JERRY WAID