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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

On Judging Bad Apples...

Apparently, the ideas put forth concerning the trial of "two-percenters" in the Battalion editorial "One Bad Apple", are in need of clarification.

Most Aggies agree that such actions as were committed last Friday night (the mud-throwing incident) are incompatible with the true spirit of A.&M. and should be eliminated.

However, no plan or theory, no matter how cleverly conceived, is going to effectively discourage these acts without the enthusiastic cooperation of both Cadet and Veteran students.

Obviously, very few students will "turn in" the name of a fellow student to the Faculty Panel merely because of unsportsman-

like conduct. Nor could the Senior Court handle cases involving a veteran student. Thus, to obtain efficient results, to make a definite step toward the elimination of these scattered incidents which have so deeply marred the reputation of A.&M., a system of dealing with those who commit these thoughtless actions must be set up which will command the faith and support of the student body as a whole.

It is for this reason that we feel the Student Life Committee made up of elected members of both the Veteran Student Body and the Cadet Corps together with members of the faculty, would better serve to try cases of unsportsmanlike conduct, than either the Faculty Panel or the Senior Court.

What? No Independence Day?

Yesterday was Texas Independence Day but the fact seemed to pass almost unnoticed among the rank and file of Texas' proud citizenry. "There were no bands playing, no flags waving, and most amazing, no silver tongued oratory from various sized soap boxes across the length and breadth of the state. Or if there were, they certainly were not on the scale that once placed Texas among the nation's most self-satisfied states.

Is the old state, glorious history and all, finally settling down to living in the present and letting the chips of the past fall where they may? It couldn't be that Texans no longer are proud of their glorious heritage. Possibly the good people of this State simply overlooked the traditional Independence Day and forgot to haul out the bands, speech-makers et al.

This oversight ought to strike horror in the hearts of Texas' loyal population. Such an event as an overlooked Independence Day might conceivably happen "up Nawth", but in Texas—"why, suh, never; never, I say."

There is an ugly rumor going around as explanation for the whole un-Texan incident. These people, most of whom hail from Dallas and other civic-minded Texas cities, are placing the blame on the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

"Houston has intentionally played March 2 down this year," it is said, "so that Texas can really blow the lid off on San Jacinto Day. They're probably planning some big shindigs down in that Bayou shanty-town right now."

March 2 may have been a glorious day for Texas 112 years ago; in 1948, it was just the first Tuesday in the third month. To be sure, the banks all closed, catching some of us flat-footed. And a handful of the faithful did travel twenty-miles down the river, at Washington-on-the-Brazos, to gather in the little board house or at the Childress monument, which mark the spot of Texas' birth. But on the whole, it seems that Texas is becoming content with only one state holiday a year.

One World Includes Us...

Last year Harvard students and faculty members gave over \$50,000... this year Yale has topped that mark. Several schools of the Southwest Conference have contributed in excess of \$6,000. Last year A&M students contributed a little over \$400, and faculty members about \$500. The World Student Service Fund campaign seems to have little appeal to us.

What is WSSF? Why are American students asked to donate their hard-earned money to support the intangible ideals for which the fund was established? Is this country the only one from which aid is solicited? Are foreign students helping themselves? Those questions should be answered before giving anyone or any organization contributions.

The World Student Service Fund, founded in 1937 in China, is an American organization devoted to rebuilding the minds, bodies, and spirits of over 400,000 needy students throughout the world. Affiliated with World Student Relief, it handles funds contributed by Americans. It maintains offices in most nations of the world... Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, China, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Holland, and Czechoslovakia.

It would be natural to expect students of countries relatively undamaged by war to contribute the most money. That is the case. Yet, even countries like war-ridden China are actively engaged in raising funds for their students... to insure an adequate supply of something for which there is no substitute—knowledge.

To alleviate impossible living conditions in many countries served by the WSSF, rest and study centers have been built... in Greece hundreds of students are dying from tuberculosis... Textbooks in Poland are mimeographed... 1000 calories a day (as opposed to approximately 3500 the average American student receives) is considered a luxury in that pitiful nation... 1500 quilts serve 6000 Chinese students in Pao-Chi... but students from that same country recently raised \$1,000 U. S. to aid their starving fellow scholars in Europe!

Those figures should make one stop to think. What political-religious-economic-social disease thrives in peoples faced with a constant lack of food, clothing, and shelter? Communism, of course. A total war on the Communist ideology can be more effectively fought with ideas; distribute the germs of truth through healthy, happy students, and eventually the fog of mystery surrounding the Red Star will be lifted. Just give the World Student Service Fund the money to help equalize the battle.

The average girl would rather have beauty than brains because the average man can see better than he can think.

If you have ever wondered whether a worm tastes good to a bird, kindly remember that birds have no sense of taste.

Plenty of live-wires would be dead ones if it weren't for their connections.

Everyone is of some use, even if nothing more than to serve as a horrible example.—ACP.

The man who knows how will always have his job. The man who knows why will be his boss.—ACP.

Caustic Comments: "Steal a loaf of bread and you get life; steal a million dollars and you can buy your way out."

The reason Cupid makes so many bad shots is because he's aiming at the heart and looking at the hosiery.

If Little Red Riding Hood were alive today the modern girl would scorn her. She had to meet only one wolf and not one at every corner!

Two of the biggest wolves in the nation are Chase and Sanborn. They date everything.

When a man breaks a date, he usually has to. When a girl breaks a date, she usually has two.

Don't marry for money. You can borrow it cheaper.

The only exercise of some people we know is jumping to conclusions!

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ON THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME BEAR



BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS...

'Science and Idealism' Has Basic Philosophical Issues

By MRS. WILNOEA ARNOLD
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SCIENCE AND IDEALISM. By Maurice Cornforth. International Publishers, New York, 1948.

This illuminating book is an examination and critique of the tendency of modern philosophical thought which, taking its origin in the materialism of Bacon and his successors, Hobbes and Locke, turned from materialism to subjective idealism, gave rise to the various subjectivist theories of Berkeley, Hume, Mach, and the agnostics, and is still alive today, giving rise to fresh philosophical theories in the same tradition—Logical Analysis and Logical Positivism. (From the Introduction.)

The author is concerned with the analysis and criticism of the most prominent philosophical trend of the 20th century—that of logical positivism or logical empiricism as it is variously called. It sheds invaluable light on this empiricist or positivist trend by tracing its historical roots back to the materialist philosophies of Bacon, Hobbes and Locke, and shows where this progressive philosophy of the rising bourgeoisie went astray and turned into its opposite, subjective idealism, through Locke's errors and inconsistencies and the deliberate exploitation of these by Berkeley and Hume for reactionary and anti-scientific purposes.

Throughout, the author aims to show that science, as that objective knowledge of man and nature necessary for human progress, has been undermined by these modern philosophies which, because of their opposition to materialism, have concerned themselves with denying the objectivity of scientific knowledge. This book is invaluable to contemporary students of philosophy as well as to all practicing scientists. Nowhere between the covers of a single volume is to be found such a rich and fruitful analysis of the basic philosophical issues of the last few decades.

★ THE DEVIL AND THE JEWS. By Joshua Trachtenberg. Yale University Press, 1948.

Here is a book which everyone should read and by which everyone should examine carefully his own personal prejudices, no matter how slight. The author, a scholar of some note, presents here the "medieval conception of the Jew and its relation to modern antisemitism."

In the Middle Ages there was a story that a Jewish horde was hidden in the East preparing for the signal that Antichrist had come and Christendom was to be destroyed. When Charles V sailed against Algiers his expedition was thought to have been frustrated by a storm raised by a Jewish magician. Plagues were often believed the work of Jews and children who disappeared were supposed to be their prey. For the Jew was looked on as demonic, leagued with the enemies of Christ and of all orthodoxy.

What went wrong was their fault and what was right was the work of beneficent Christian powers. Now when thousands of other-wise reasonable people believe that

Letters

HOW ADEQUATE?

Editor, The Battalion:

In regard to your editorial, "One Bad Apple," there is one comment in order. This does not have reference to the theme, but to the proposed judicial review.

As I understand it (and it's hard to figure out these days), there are two judicial bodies now in existence, the Senior Court for members of the Cadet Corps (or Faculty Panel, depending on the nature of the offense) and Faculty Panel for non-military students. It seems to me that these two powers are, at present, extremely efficient and sufficient. Wouldn't said offenders (referring back to said editorial) fall under one or the other's jurisdiction?

It is generally accepted that the Batt has become the crusader for the Great Cause, but I fear that someone else thought of an adequate means of correction years ago.

Humbly yours,
J. H. EDGAR '48
Ed. Note: See Editorial "On Judging Bad Apples."

Trampling Out the Vintage...

Bricklayer Gets Sock in Nose For Leading John L. Sullivan Astray With Wheelbarrow

By TOM CARTER

When John L. Sullivan was heavyweight champion of the world, he boasted to all and sundry of his super-human strength. On a building site one morning, a run-of-the-mill bricklayer snorted contemptuously at the champ's boasting, and spoke up.

"I'll bet I can wheel something in that wheelbarrow to Times Square that you can't wheel back."

"Why you insignificant squirt," bellowed John L., "I've got a hundred dollars to your ten you're a blank blank liar."

The bricklayer brought over the wheelbarrow and said bluntly, "O. K., mister. Hop in!"

If this were fiction, the champ would have been so taken by the bricklayer's ingenuity that he would have made him his private secretary on the spot. Or it would transpire that that bricklayer grew up to be today the biggest reactor in all the world. Unfortunately, this is a true story, and not even the name of the valiant bricklayer has been preserved for posterity. Furthermore, the probable conclusion of the incident is that the champion gave him a bust in the nose.

DELINQUENCY (?)

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Owed to the Elizabeth Public Library by a too studious book borrower—\$2.00 in fines at one cent a day.

The library said the borrower has held since May, 1946, five books on juvenile delinquency.

A MATTER OF ROUTINE

A man we know drove out in a borrowed car a few days ago to visit a friend in the model state prison at Cinn. As he was leaving, he discovered he couldn't open the back for inspection, a little rule they have there. He was detained, pleasantly enough, until the inmates were counted, then permitted to go.

HE'S BEEN CHEATED

PHOENIX, — M. M. Stewart, Phoenix, today was still in the market for a chair.

It seems he didn't fare so well yesterday when he bought one from a peddler to match a chair he already had. When he got it home, he complained to police, he found the peddler had sold him his own chair.

NO COMPROMISE

DETROIT—A jail sentence was compromised for the store carrying 35-year-old John Lattimer's first born.

Traffic Judge John D. Watts sentenced Lattimer

to 60 days as a second offender drunk driver.

"My wife's expecting and our calculations are the baby will arrive in 45 days," Lattimer pleaded. "I've just got to be there."

"All right, since it's your first child, if the baby arrives on the fifty-ninth day, your term expires then. If it doesn't, you'll serve the sixtieth day."

GET ME MY MONEY BACK

MARBLEHEAD, Mass.—Police received a call that some one was attempting to break into the Marblehead telephone exchange building. They rushed to the scene and found a man peering on the roof and shouting, "Give me my money back. He explained that he had failed to get his party or his coat returned in a near-by inn. After a brief lecture, police sent him on his way—still without the nickel.

AG-G-NY

The hazards of skiing have persuaded Mrs. Leonard Lester of Boston, to get back to peaceful living.

Sunday she broke a leg during her first adventure on the slopes.

Returning from a Concord Hospital, the automobile caught fire.

Monday, Mrs. Lester advertised for a lost fur coat, thrown from the car while the fire was being extinguished and then forgotten.

Tuesday, said Mrs. Lester, age and her husband plan to buy a quiet country home in New Hampshire, not equipped with skis.

WASTED BUCKS

Here's a note on the alcohol front. In Cuba, women drink beer, surprisingly enough, only as a medicine. The principal reason for this is because Cuban beer contains 22 percent alcohol, according to Miss A. A. Quessau, instructor of Spanish at Missouri University.

FIN-18

"This bit of whimsy can be yours for the practically infinitesimal sum of just 10.00."

—NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

Inflation's outmoded the nickel and dime; the bucks microscopically trim.

The "dust" should arrive on scheduled time when a five's an infinitesimal tin.

—W. J. Graham

HJSK Club Elects Carter President

Herb Carter, senior business major from Stamford, was elected president of the HJSK Club for the semester, at a recent meeting.

Other officers elected at the meeting were James McClure, senior zero student from Rule, vice-president; Sam White, senior pre-law student from Rochester, secretary and treasurer; Stanley Keese, mechanical engineering junior from Stamford, reporter; and Louie Hardy, senior animal husbandry major from Stamford, social chairman.

PALACE

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