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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Planning for UMT . . .

Tomorrow the Senate Armed Service Committee will meet behind closed doors to attempt a draft of UMT and Selective Service legislation. It's an anxious moment for many a young American.

The committee could come out with a truly constructive plan for Universal Training which would stress scientific, industrial and engineering readiness, rather than drill-ground perfection. We hope they do, but we are by no means sure they will.

During the hearings, the committee heard much praise and denunciation of the UMT idea. Summing up the views of the "anti's."

1. Historian Charles A. Beard said in a statement read to the committee for him that UMT would create "a monstrous military bureaucracy."

2. Prof. Lloyd H. Reversion of the University of Minnesota said UMT "betrays the fact that those in control have not yet grasped the significance of scientific warfare."

3. Col. Truman Smith, retired, formerly of the army's general staff, endorsed the proposed draft. But he added that UMT "may prove a most serious weakness in the defense funds and energies will be diverted to it from our first line of defense forces."

Atomic scientist Henry D. Smyth took no definite stand on UMT or the draft. But he said there is an "extreme shortage" of young scientists. He urged creation of an auxiliary scientific corps.

Smyth is the author of the Army's report of the Atomic Bomb.

Specific recommendations for both draft and UMT measures were submitted to the

Let Michael Go to Work . . .

Nothing on the current serious international scene approaches the ridiculous more than this country's stupid mooning over Michael, the ex-king of Rumania.

The fact that we are guarding him with U. S. tax money and officers, and that social Washington has made a lion of him and perhaps a lioness of his mother, will hurt our cause in the European countries where already we are suspect for too much association with shabby ex-titleholders from Fascist and Nazi ranks.

The Rumanian royal government was one of the most corrupt in Europe. It oppressed

Thou Shall Not . . .

Spring is here, insects are coming out of the woods, and here and there self-appointed guardians of the people's morals have begun to stir.

In a town not far from here they have begun a drive which recalls to us Cromwell's Puritan England. In that period everyone was supposed to be melancholy and sad, because "fun" was an instrument of the devil.

In the three hundred years since the Puritan Revolt we thought people had decided "fun" and "sin" are not necessarily interchangeable, but we must be wrong.

In the town of which we spoke the board of education declared the high school gymnasium available for supervised student dances. But one of the local church groups, headed by a bush-league dictator, countered with a demand that nothing of the sort be allowed. He says his whole congregation is against it, while some members of the congregation say it's the preacher's idea.

This issue is still in the air, we hear. The majority of the taxpayers who control the school properties have yet to be heard from, but one segment of the population who can see nothing but evil is trying its best (or worst) to forbid the use of the school for healthy recreational purposes.

The Battalion has never ridiculed any

Washington dispatch says the Republicans are making obvious efforts to keep the fires of revolt ablaze in the Democratic party. In fact the GOP would give its last piece of coal or its last stick of wood to add fuel to the flames. —Arkansas Gazette.

Congress moves more slowly than the sap in a century plant. . . —The Atlanta Constitution

Armed Services Committees of both Houses by Secretary of Defense Forrestal. He asked for registration of men up to 45, with a limited draft of non-veterans between the ages of 19 and 26. The cabinet member said events of the past few weeks have made the two programs more necessary than ever.

Eisenhower appeared before the senate group in person, still wearing his be-ribboned army uniform, to lend support to that stand.

"In any war now," he said emphatically, "the first 30 to 60 days may determine our ability to carry on. We won't win a war that quickly, but the period is important."

He warned that despite progress in developing new weapons the day of push button warfare has not arrived. Manpower still is needed, he declared, adding that any fighting in the next three to five years would look "like it looked in the late war."

While the former chief of staff granted the importance of airpower, he argued that the army must seize and hold bases before fighter and bomber planes can operate against an enemy.

He said Selective Service and UMT are of equal importance to the nation's security which he said is threatened by "ideological conflict."

"The United States cannot live as an isle of democracy in a sea of dictatorship," Eisenhower said.

He commented that Americans have this choice: "We must live by our own wishes or as some dictator says," and he added:

"I am ready to keep my uniform on as long as my country demands."

the people and kept in luxury a small percentage of the people who owned 95 percent of the land and who kept their farmers in near-serfdom. The Romanians of the governing class were easily the least respected in Europe. It was a classic saying that being a Romanian was a profession and not a citizenship.

And now, for us to be making a hero of an ex-Romanian king is not merely ridiculous and vulgar, but also harmful and dangerous to the foreign policy of this country.

—Atlanta Constitution

man for his religious beliefs or affiliations. This policy works well as long as others in turn refrain from forcing their doctrines and teachings on us. Further, the manner in which a man conducts himself is to us a personal matter as long as he doesn't menace the welfare of society.

But if minority groups are to dictate our conduct for us, we could soon find ourselves in a fix. Some groups would have us abolish all dancing, all music, all forms of recreation and even scientific study. It could go so far even to regulate what we eat.

The dilemma was pretty well summed up by Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Journal, in his meditations on Easter. Said he: "Most men make of Jesus what they want Him to be and few make of themselves what Jesus wanted them to be."

To some, McGill says, Jesus urges the hate and kill activities of the Ku Klux Klan. To others, he countenances mortgage foreclosing on widows and orphans and driving the destitute into the street. To some, he is a vague person born far away and long ago in whose name much is done and said.

"There are even ministers who in the name of Jesus disrupt churches, set men against man."

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A spokesman for dairy farmers declared today demands for new price controls and rationing come from thinking and "hysteria." —Saginaw (Mich.) News.

The twin evils of democracy.

The news from Vermont that maple syrup is going up does not mean that the sap is rising. —Arkansas Gazette

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Hill-Frix Wedding Solemnized In Social Club's Mock Ritual

Miss Carol Ann Hill and Master Jerry Frix were married at the Social Club's Tom Thumb wedding Thursday afternoon in spite of the bride tripping over her long train and the prompting of the groom by the minister.

Ralph H. Shuffler announced over the radio, while Gail Schlesselman acted as radio commentator.

Representing college, national, and state notables and their wives were: Bill Fly, Suzanne Sorenson, Jack Rowlette, Patsy Wilkins, Tommy Mitchell, Sharon Manning, Larry Godfrey, B. B. Perryman, Bobby Bowman, Pat Salis, Betty Ann Robinson, Marilyn Pearson, Roberta Ann Schiller, Pam Sperry, Jimmie Riggs and Sandra Covey.

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Terrie Curran, as Margaret Truman, sang "Always," and Bob Medlin, representing Bing Crosby sang "I Love You Truly." The wedding march was played by Beatrice Luther.

Jody Rush was best man, and Skippy Cade served as the minister.

Ushers were Andy Adam, Don Reiser, David Potter, Kurt Schember, Jimmie Cannon, Boty Mottley, Charles Hensen, Frank Brown, Jimmie O'Brien, David Oates, Scott Manning, Scott Faver, and Jay Pruitt.

Bridesmaids at the mock wedding were Jeanie Randle, Barbara Brock, Judy Hopper, Charlotte Garret, March Goode, Linda Collard, Linda McGuire, Patricia Shaw, Mary McNeely, Karen McKenzie, Sherry Smith, Virginia Gray, Dana Mae Erickson, and Sue Stiles.

"D'Ette Fly was matron of honor, and Jeanette Sperry was maid of honor. Flower girls were Susan Stevenson and Pam Averna. Judy Quisenberry was ring bearer, while Tommy Talle and Susan Robinson were train bearers. Sue Stiles sang "End of a Perfect Day" and Warner Dahlberg played the recessional.

Preceding the Tom Thumb wedding, a business session was held in which Mrs. M. T. Harrington was unanimously elected president for 1948-49.

Mrs. M. C. Hughes was named vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Roberts, general chairman; Mrs. B. R. Holland, secretary; Mrs. Fred Jones, treasurer; Mrs. James C. Potter, reporter; and Mrs. E. B. Reynolds, parliamentarian.

The Veterans Administration cannot be responsible for seeing that war veterans are satisfied with the houses they buy.

This policy has been made by Carl E. Gray, Jr., VA Administrator, in a letter to deputy administrators in all VA Branch offices.

Veterans Administration loan officials in the Dallas Branch office, elaborating on Gray's policy, said the responsibility for guarding against unsatisfactory construction rests with the builder and the lender.

Gray pointed out that the Servicemen's Readjustment Act requires the VA to guarantee or insure loans which meet prescribed conditions and that the VA will "meet that responsibility fully." The Veterans Administration, he added, "does not have the responsibility for guaranteeing that the purchaser of a property will be satisfied with the property he gets."

"Because of my determination to use funds only to meet the responsibilities which are imposed by law," Gray wrote, "activities in respect to veterans complaints relating to unsatisfactory properties will be restricted as indicated."

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Tests Show Rubbing Alcohol Dissolves Oil From Cottonseed

The power of ordinary rubbing alcohol to dissolve oil from cottonseed can revolutionize Texas' seventy million dollar cottonseed crushing industry, W. D. Harris of the Engineering Experiment Station said Saturday at the third annual Texas Chemurgic Conference in Corpus Christi.

The process is cheaper and extracts more oil from a ton of seed than present crushing methods, stated Harris, a research engineer and associate professor of chemical engineering at A&M.

Experiments conducted at A&M have proved that rubbing alcohol dissolves from the seed certain impurities along with the oil. When the alcohol cools, most of the oil separates out in a very pure state. But the impurities remain in the alcohol, Harris explained.

These impurities include fatty acids, sugar and gossypol, all of which may be reclaimed for possible commercial use.

"The recovery process for fatty acids is costly. Therefore, they should be sold at a premium price," Harris said. He described the sugar as complex and not very sweet. But it can be broken down to yield simpler sugars that are quite sweet he added.

Under present methods, gossypol is partly destroyed by cooking the seed meats before they are crushed, gossypol, a cottonseed meal used as a poultry feed causes stored eggs to spoil. Cooking to destroy gossypol, however, hurts the value

Bids Advertised For VA Hospital

The Veterans Administration is advertising for bids on the construction of a 200-bed General Medical and Surgical Hospital at Marlin, Texas.

Sealed bids will be received by the Veterans Administration in the Munitions Building, Washington 25, D. C., until May 25.

At the discretion of the Veterans Administration, drawings and specifications may be obtained by contractors interested in submitting bids direct to the Veterans Administration in Washington.

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