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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Anti-Democracy, Anti-Capital...

What is causing us so much trouble in the world today? Is it Communism, Russian nationalism, or a weird and inseparable combination of both?

Few editorials or articles have explored that important question so well as the Daily Californian, student newspaper of the University of California at Berkeley. In a recent issue, the editors used an entire page and a half to discuss the question of world peace. On the knotty question of "what is the threat?" they wrote:

"There are conflicting opinions as to what constitutes the crisis. Some say it is the threat of communism. Some say it is the threat of Russia. The predominant view holds that the two threats are inseparable.

"Certainly few people other than the communists themselves will deny that there is a communist threat. But just what is communism threatening? And what is the nature of this threat?"

"Avoiding all-inclusive generalizations like 'our way of life' and 'the American way,' communism threatens two principle items: political democracy and private enterprise.

"The threat to private enterprise is evident to the point that it needs no substantiation here, since communism is a system designed to replace capitalism and can only function if and when capitalism is replaced.

"The threat of communism to political democracy is made evident by Russian authoritarianism, Russian collaboration with the network of communist parties, and, more lately, by anti-democratic symptoms in Czechoslovakia and the other countries within the Russian zone.

"One cannot discount the evidence. One can find substantial grounds for claiming that authoritarianism of the Russian variety is not inherent in communism. But one cannot deny that in its existing manifestations,

communism constitutes a threat to parliamentary systems of government.

"It is on the basis of its anti-democratic nature, more than on its anti-capitalist nature, that advocates of democracy find extremely strong reasons for resisting the spread of communism. We hold that the will of the people is best realized under the conditions of free thought and freedom of individual action, as exemplified by our Bill of Rights. Communism, insofar as it deems necessary a dictatorship by the Communist party (in the name of the proletariat) as a mechanism for achieving socialism, is a threat to political democracy.

"A danger, which would undoubtedly be accentuated by a political shift to the right, is the possibility of increasing power over the shaping of policy by those who control the privately owned concentrations of economic wealth within the United States. Although private interests are not alone in shaping our policies at the present time, it is nevertheless true that they do exert an extraordinarily strong pressure upon policy-making bodies. Any weakening of political democracy means weakening the only check to outright private control of policy.

"Another danger, and one that is being widely capitalized on today, is the tendency to lump together our private enterprise economy and our political structure under the general heading of 'democracy.' Thus, one hears statements to the effect that the Labor government in England (or some other socialist government) is not democratic—and one hears such statements from responsible people who ought to know better. This confusion as to what constitutes democracy is certainly a great menace to the very existence of democracy. When people do not even understand what they mean by democracy, they can too easily be misled—even into destroying that democracy in its own name."

Books for Whom?...

Textbooks, in liberal arts subjects at least, are written by scholars for the benefit of scholars and professors. Frankly, we don't stand a chance, friends.

Professorial authors haven't learned about short paragraphs and concise sentences being the easiest way to a man's heart. They haven't learned that in saying "this is the end product of an introverted Hegelian dialectic" they are causing students to read philosophy to find out what the Hegelian dialectic is so that they can find out what Hegel had to do with "Das Kapital" so that they can find out what Marx thought.

Professors are writing for their colleagues.

The Senator and the General...

Sometimes it's hard for satirical fiction to keep ahead of the real thing. Take "The Senator Was Indiscreet," for instance, the moving picture that was seen in Bryan just last week. The Daily Trojan (USC) pulled out a speech by Senator Melvin Cassaway Ashton, "hero" of that picture, and set it side by side with the words of a certain presidential candidate. Look:

"As you all know, I am a simple God-fearing, plain-talking man, with no taste for evasion and no talent for fancy words. So I am going to be open and aboveboard with you, as I always have been.

"Gentlemen, I cannot put this too strongly; I am NOT a candidate for the presidency! BUT!

"I will not lift one finger to obtain this greatest gift within the power of a grateful republic—the brightest jewel in the diadem of mankind. But if the voice of the people of these United States—the greatest democratic nation on the face of the earth—should ring out over the land and say 'Come'—then I can only bow my head to the inevitable and say, in all humility, 'I will.'"—Senator Melvin Cassaway Ashton, said.

"I am deeply grateful for the spontaneous display of friendly confidence. No man could fail to be profoundly stirred by such a public movement in this hour of momentous import—national, international, temporal, and spiritual.

"While it seems unnecessary for me to repeat I do not actively seek or covet any office and have no plans for leaving my post in Japan, I can say and with due humility that I would be recreant to all my concepts of good citizenship were I to shrink, because of hazards and responsibilities involved, from accepting any public duty to which I might be called by the American people."—Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

They toss off phrases like "remembering the Baltimore conference, we can see that this is true." Baltimore conference? They say "this is in direct disagreement with Burke's theory." Burke's theory?

Do professors who write books fear that if they make things as clear as possible they will lose face in the sight of their contemporaries? Do they think students learn more by "wading through" than they would by digesting clear, concise construction?

They should be writing for those who DON'T know and are trying to find out—but they ARE writing for those who already know and will be reading for entertainment. —Ted Shields in the Daily Trojan.

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A Brooklyn judge has ruled that the arrival of a new baby in an apartment does not constitute ground for an increase in rent. His Honor holds that the event is a blessed one for the parents, not for the landlord. —New Yorker.

Monsanto Magazine says scents, many of them chemical, lead us by the nose more than we suspect. And blondes, many of them chemical, do the same.

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: Letters to the Editor :

LET'S WAKE UP!

Editor, The Battalion:
During the last three semesters, and especially true since this spring semester began, there has been one particular thing that has been brought to my attention. Not only has it been brought to my attention but also to several of my close friends.

We have, during the last year, witnessed a period of turmoil and general unrest concerning the functions of Texas A&M. Some of this unrest should be classified as a thing of the past, so why not make the best of the future? Some of the changes and turmoil, as we see it, have taken away some of the oldest traditions and basic principles upon which Aggie land was founded some seventy-two years ago. One of these traditions known as speaking and meeting people is now at its lowest point.

Not too long ago, let's say three semesters ago, an Aggie or anyone else as far as that matter is concerned, could walk out of any building on this famous campus and feel rather assured that one of his fellow Aggies would meet him with a friendly "Howdy" or one of those world-famous Aggie handshakes.

Ask yourself these questions—"How many men have met me during the past week?" "How many men have spoken to me?" "That's easy to think of, now ask yourself these questions—"How many men have I met during the past week?" "How many of my fellow Aggies have I spoken to?" To some of you, the latter is not quite so pleasant to think about. Probably the latter questions hit pretty close to home for that bottom 2%. Too many times we take the attitude of letting the other man do all the speaking and meeting. What if everyone took that attitude? Think about that, men, it's a problem that has, just recently become quite serious, even more so than many of us think.

You know, speaking to and meeting people is one of Aggie land's oldest traditions. It's a tradition that no one wants to take away from us. It's a tradition that can be torn down or taken away only by each of us. Men, I don't want that tradition to slip away from us and surely the 98% of us feel the same way.

And here's to the 2%ers—why don't you drop that old idea of "Ah what's the use of speaking," the other fellow won't speak back?" Nine chances out of ten, if you'll put some feeling into those "Howdy's" and "My name is (whatever

it might be)" the other guy will feel the same way about it. There's none of us in too big of a hurry to holler out "Howdy" or maybe even take time to meet a fellow Aggie occasionally. When you say "Howdy" say it like you mean it. When you meet another fellow, sound-off on your name like you are really proud of it and want it to be known. Then when you depart from the person, sound-off with a good hearty "glad to have met you (whatever his name might have been)."

Men, we're all down here for a purpose, to get that diploma stamped "GRADUATE OF THE TEXAS A&M COLLEGE." You know, that diploma really doesn't mean very much to a person unless he carries with him the memories of some of the closest-woven friendships in the world. Take my word, along with the 98%, that there are some of the finest fellows in the world right here on this campus. My friends would like to be your friends. Would you like to be their friend?

Let's fill this ole campus with "Howdy's" and "handshakes" again. What you say, ARMY!

A fellow Aggie always,
B. J. SEALE, '49

Composite Group Will Form Units

Provisional units will be organized in order to meet the requirements of the incoming reserve component pay bill during the meeting of the 49th Composite Group at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, April 8, according to Col. R. A. Eads, Commanding Officer.

All reserve officers who desire to qualify for pay must attend this meeting, he stated.

The meeting will take place on the second floor of the PMA (AA A) Building, College Station.

FIGHTING REPORTED IN COAL FIELD

PITTSBURGH, April 6 (AP)—Fighting between roving pickets and non-union strip miners was reported yesterday in one section of the nation's bituminous coal fields, now paralyzed by a pension walk-out.

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Roller Show In Grove to Feature Skating Artists

A skating and style show featuring 10 to 15 beautiful girls will be presented on the new roller rink in the near future, according to an announcement by Bill Vaughn, director of the show.

"The presentation is designed to introduce the slab as a skating rink to the students," Vaughn stated.

The show will be packed with a variety of different acts, including a short style show presenting the newest skate and sports wear. Exhibition skating, both singles and doubles, will be featured along with potato races, three-legged races and speed races.

Vaughn requests that any student interested in participating in the show contact him in Room 228, Dorm 10.

Vestal Attends Chicago Parley

Donald M. Vestal, research engineer with the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and Supervisor of the Reverse Cycle Heating Project of the A&M Research Foundation, left Saturday noon for Chicago where he will attend the Mid-West Power Conference.

Vestal was accompanied by his wife and will return to College Station Monday to continue his work.

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Truman's Education Commission Foresees 4 1/2 Million In College

The number one need for higher education today, the President's Commission on Higher Education, says in its recently completed report, is the expansion of higher education facilities so that more students may be able to attend college.

The Commission, composed of outstanding educators, was appointed by President Truman last summer to "examine the functions of higher education in our democracy and the means by which they can best be performed."

The educators urged extension of free public education through the first two years of college and a concerted drive to reduce all fees for public colleges and universities. A minimum enrollment of 4,500,000 students in colleges should be attained by 1960, the commission believes, as compared to the all-time high of 2,354,000 enrolled today.

"In a real sense the future of our civilization depends on the direction education takes, not just in the distant future, but in the days immediately ahead," the Commission stated in its first report. Education was described as the largest and most hopeful of the nation's enterprises, and the Commission stated that of the principal goals of higher education, the three of

which should come first are to bring to all the people of the Nation: "Education for a fuller realization of democracy in every phase of living."

Dr. Schipper To Address Student Lutherans in 'Y'

Dr. A. L. Schipper, associate professor of biology, will address the A&M Lutheran Student Association at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the YMCA Assembly Room, on the topic, "Present Day Concepts of Evolution."

A graduate of the University of Iowa, Dr. Schipper has been at A&M since 1937 except for a tour of duty with the Army Air Forces in which he served as a Captain.

Dr. Schipper has served on the church council of the American Lutheran Church of College Station for the past eight years. He is a member of the board of trustees of the A&M Lutheran Student Foundation, Inc., and of the Foundation's building committee.

Wednesday evening's lecture will be followed by an open forum discussion. Everyone interested is invited to attend the meeting.

APPROVE BILL FOR "DISPLACED" IMMIGRANTS

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—A House Judiciary Subcommittee voted unanimously yesterday to sponsor a bill to allow 200,000 displaced persons from Europe to enter the United States during the next two years.

PALACE

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