

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Preventable But Unprevented?

Is Winston Churchill correct in writing that no war would have been easier to prevent than the recent conflict which destroyed so much of Europe? It is a bitter thought. Yet few know better than Churchill what the truth may be.

Churchill makes the assertion in his war memoirs, the first installment of which was published last week in Life Magazine and the New York Times.

Churchill says weaknesses in the policies of the Allied Powers between 1918 and 1936 led to the resurgence of Germany and World War II.

After France, the United States and Britain won victory in the First World War, the three Allies, Churchill says, thereafter made a fateful series of blunders. Among them, he said, were these:

1. The fixing of huge German reparations payments in the peace treaties, and the subsequent lending of large sums of money to Germany by the United States.

2. The dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the resultant Balkanization of Southeast Europe.

3. Imposition of a republican constitution on Germany before that country was ready for it, and the ensuing chaos which paved the way for Hitler's rise.

4. Refusal of the United States to join the League of Nations, and this country's complete detachment from European affairs.

5. Failure of the Allies to enforce with utmost strictness the total disarmament of Germany.

The latter mistake, Churchill writes, was the final folly which led directly to the future crimes of the once-beaten Germans.

He says that Britain in the 30's made a further series of mistakes, including its failure to keep pace with German air power development, its compromise with Italy on the partition of Ethiopia and its decision not to help France reoccupy Germany with force when the Nazis reoccupied the Rhineland. Is there a lesson in these words?



: Letters to the Editor :

BETTER BATTALION

Editor, The Battalion:
During the Senior Class meeting last Wednesday night, there were many absurd comparisons made. In my estimation Mr. Twiggins' article is the most absurd comparison yet.

I think that it was Mr. J. T. Miller that brought up the issue about grades and with the end of Mr. Miller's oration, the subject was dropped. I don't think anyone else in the meeting said anything about this, but this seems to be one of the main issues of Mr. Twiggins' "DIARY."

Since the issue of Communism has been in the "limelight" everyone who likes to further his argument throws the word "Communist" into his article or statement. (A little childish but very effective to a sub-normal mind.)

Really now, "Mr. Twiggins," or to whom it may concern, don't you think you could throw slurs at the "53" without the use of the word Communist in your articles, or is your mental ability handicapped to the point that it was the best word you could find?

By the way, what a coincidence that the "53" as Mr. Twiggins refers to them, had many ideas in common. Maybe "53" letters were sent out telling only a certain clique of 55 members of the Senior Class to come to the meeting, but that is as absurd as Mr. Twiggins' article.

I think that a pocket size diary can be acquired at the closest 5 and 10 cent store and for my part Mr. Twiggins, your next article ought to be put in this diary and not in a newspaper that members of the Senior Class are forced to buy.

Your ideas and mind of a greater A&M might differ a LITTLE, but since that is a long-range policy, "IN THE EYES OF THE BATTALION"!!!! why not start out with not a greater but just a better Battalion???

Sincerely yours,
ROBERT W. COLGLAZIER, '49

TWIGGINS STINKS

Editor, The Battalion:
Just exactly what did you ex-

pect to accomplish by publishing the Thursday issue of "Conrad Twiggins'" asinine diary?
To begin with, the changing of the senior ring was suggested by one man, and after a very short discussion the whole idea was completely discarded. Your illustrious composer of tripe left the impression that the entire Senior Class was in favor of the proposal.

Fools like "Twiggins" are the cause of whatever dissension there is among corps members and veterans.

In the masthead of The Battalion are the following words: "Published daily in the interest of a greater A&M." Surely you are not so imbecilic as to believe this type of pseudojournalism is helping matters in the least.

EDDIE MOORE, '49

: Letters to the Editor :

VET BONUS?

Editor, The Battalion:
I realize that the remarks which I make below are probably too late to be of any importance, but I shall present them anyway in the hope that they may be of some value.

It is my opinion that an issue as important as a state bonus for veterans should be presented far enough in advance of a poll on the subject to enable interested persons to discuss and investigate the matter. I doubt that most of the Aggie voters had given much thought to the particulars of the bonus proposal prior to the appearance of the article in "The Batt" which called for a vote within 24 hours. I feel that whoever was to blame for the "short notice" of this poll was either loafing on the job or using a little "high pressure strategy" towards a certain end. I can only urge that if either of these conditions did exist, such conditions be eliminated before another important issue is presented.

The statement was made in the article that at the \$2 (continental U.S.) and \$3 (overseas) per day figures, "this bonus bill would cost the state of Texas approximately three hundred million dollars." Figuring (conservatively, I believe) that the average veteran would receive two-thirds of his bonus at the \$2 rate and one-third at the \$3 rate, this means he would receive about \$430 for 191 days service.

Personally, I believe that the average service for Texas 700,000 veterans would be closer to 130 days (2 years) than to 191, and the cost of the bonus would be correspondingly higher (at the quoted rates, figured on 2 years service, over ONE BILLION DOLLARS).

In closing I should like to repeat that I think that the question of a state bonus and the statistics (with their sources) concerning the proposal should have been widely publicized in advance of a poll being taken.

Yours truly,
CHUCK CABANISS

"HELLO, NOT HOWDY"

Editor, The Battalion:
Congratulations to the Senior Class on their current efforts to revive the traditions that have made our school known to the world over.

Though those efforts on the part of the seniors are highly commendable, I have a suggestion to make that I hope will not fall upon deaf ears.

When I was here before the war, the greeting "Howdy" was not used in our outfit and as far as I know was not allowed in any other organization on the campus. It was ALWAYS "Hello." I dare say that during those proud days of A&M's history should a freshman resort to a lazy-sounding "Howdy," he would be, shall we say, corrected by his immediate superiors.

When I returned here after

the war, I discovered to my disappointment that our loud and friendly "Hello" had shrunk to a lax "Howdy."

Members of the corps Senior Class, now that you have begun the reconstruction of the foundation of the fellow man relationship of Texas A&M—its traditions would it be a good idea to change the "Howdy" back to "Hello"?

Although "Howdy" is considered very Texas and western, isn't it a little too ruralistic and lacking in the pride and prestige connected with this school and its graduates?

Congratulations again to you, seniors. We Aggie veterans are behind you all the way in your attempt to give our school's proud traditions a badly needed shot in the arm.

HAROLD D. FARRIS, '45

A SENIOR REPLIES

Editor, The Battalion:
I would like to try to clarify the article concerning the April 14 meeting of the Senior Class and the nasty little column written by Conrad Twiggins (what would happen to this letter if I signed that name).

The Batt stated that a senior favored changing the ring so that the veterans have one type and the corps has another. This was NOT the case. He stated that he was against non-military students transferring from other schools to A&M to gain the last part of their work toward a degree and then getting an Aggie ring. Those students may or may not be veterans so cannot be classified as such. The Batt wishes to give the impression that the senior class is at the throats of the non-military veterans. This is not true. The senior class is simply looking toward the future and is trying to prevent A&M from turning into a civilian college. It is definitely headed that way now.

The Batt stated that the Senior Class wants only their policies printed in The Batt. Again this is nothing but a lie. J. K. B. Nelson was asked to include in The Batt the policies of the Senior Class together with the policies of other groups. To this Nelson replied "I'm editor and I write on only my policies. If you can persuade me that your policy is the same as mine, then I'll print it." Since Nelson and the other editors evidently do not believe in the policies of the Senior Class, then it is impossible for those policies to be printed. The Senior Class believes in the publication of the policies of all major groups and not just those of the editors and the columnists.

Concerning the type of editorials, the Senior Class is not "anti-culture." Since Nelson has repeatedly stated that the editors were open to criticism and comments, it was suggested that The Batt, being a college paper,

print more news and editorials about A&M and education and fewer articles that pertain to culture. I can read about culture in other publications while news of A&M is for the most part limited to The Batt and should be given first preference.

The majority of the Senior Class is, as The Batt states, against the Student Senate being the student government but not because it "provokes thought and cannot be controlled." Before the war the main student government was the senior class and we believe that that type of student government is the best for a military school. The Student Senate is fine now since a majority of the students are non-military but in a few years the school will again be entirely military. The Senior Class objects to The Batt policy of continuously praising and promoting the Student Senate and at the same time suppressing and misrepresenting the facts of the Senior Class.

We asked The Batt by publishing the policies of the Senior Class to help us try to bring back some of the old A&M as much as we can. Most of the policies of the editors disagree with those of the Senior Class — one editor wants A&M co-educational. All the Senior Class asks is that The Batt print its policies as well as those of other groups. This the editors refuse to do or else they misrepresent the facts and ridicule the Senior Class.

Disgustingly yours,
W. K. STENZEL, '49

NO PLACE FOR CULTURE

Editor, The Battalion:
Much to my regret I have been accused of reading The Battalion. I never read the filthy sheet. It must take a guy with a 3.0 grade point average to even understand half of the words that the editor writes in his column.

Why don't you get away from all of that tripe about culture and education and start telling the men all about the way old A&M was, back in the days when men were men and A's were frowned upon? That was the good old days. I remember how we used to take off on Wednesday afternoon and come back with a stiffie hanging over our heads on Monday and then start right in again thinking about taking off again the next Wednesday.

I am beginning to think that you must be more worried about grades than enjoying life so that makes you just the kind of editor we don't want. We want an editor who will fill the editorial columns with all of the news about girls and also lists of the newest available comic books and the Corps progress. When men graduate from A&M, I want to see them wearing an Aggie ring on their finger that they can be proud of and not a brown ring around their neck which they are ashamed of. Sincerely yours,
FRED B. WILSON, '49

Red Offer to Head Bonus Drive Vetoed by Delegates

Incomplete Poll Shows Over 85% Of Aggie Vets Favor Payments

Representatives from twenty-six Texas colleges and universities criticized Governor Beauford Jester's stand on a veterans bonus at a meeting in Austin Saturday. The group also vetoed a proposal by Wendell Addington, local secretary of the Texas Communist Party, which offered support from that party.

Meeting in the House of Representatives, delegates reported that ninety percent or more of the veterans enrolled in institutions of higher learning in the state wanted a bonus. They also believe that a tax on natural resources, particularly those exported to other states, should be used to acquire the necessary funds.

A third point agreed upon was a playful poke at Jester's statement made a few months ago—none of the delegates consider it to be "un-Texan" to receive a bonus.

Bob Polson, delegate from Texas A&M, quashed an attempt by the Communist Party to spearhead the drive for the bonus.

"I feel that if Addington's remarks are carried in the press without any repudiation on our part, it will alienate some good strong support for our side," Polson said.

"I make a motion that we do not want and do not encourage Communist support," he added. That motion was carried unanimously.

Committees to work out details of when a bonus should be paid, how much the bonus should be, and what the source of revenue for bonuses should be were appointed. They met yesterday.

Committee chairmen are Fred Reed of West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon; Zack Mason of Texas Christian University and John Owen, Hardin-Simmons, Abilene; and Tom Whiteside, Tyler Junior College, Tyler, and Polson.

According to incomplete results tabulated by Taylor Wilkins Fri-

"Operations Bonus."
The "Operation" is designed to help pass a bill giving Texas veterans a bonus of \$2 for each day served in the continental limits of the United States, and \$3 for each day overseas.
Bob Polson and Ed Fisher represented A&M at the TU bonus meeting.

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