

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Don't Stop Now...

With the completion of the three very much talked about and anxiously awaited lounges in Dormitories 9 and 10 and in Hart Hall, a new era of campus living has opened. Wearied of meeting in crowded classrooms and living in the same "cubbyhole" day after day, Aggies greeted the proposed lounge construction program enthusiastically when it was announced last summer.

A place to relax when the day's troubles weighed heavily and perhaps read a magazine, play a friendly game of dominoes, or listen to a record player had never existed heretofore on the A&M campus. Neither had suitable arrangements even been made to furnish a meeting place for Aggies and visiting girl friends and families.

One is led to vast speculations when attempting an estimate of the number of new spring wardrobes that have been ruined while the women folk waited outside in the Brazos Bottom dew for son Johnny to change his uniform for the mess hall doors to open, and for all the other week-end waiting periods to pass.

Thus, residents of Dormitories 9 and 10 and Hart Hall awaited eagerly the formal opening of the lounges as construction setbacks and furnishing tie-ups delayed the opening date several months.

The arrival of each new furnishing, whether couch or footstool, created a scene of welcome. An almost paternal interest was developed for these individual articles, destined to provide Aggies with some of the comforts of home."

What's In A Red Name? . . .

Russians in Berlin want to change the name of the Communist Party to the Socialist People's Party. What's in a name, anyway? The party would be just as red under that title, and it wouldn't take long for the Germans to discover that the Socialist People's Party was as unsatisfactory as the old admittedly-Communist group.

It will take more than a change of name to make the Communist Party acceptable to those who are unfavorably impressed by the Russian activities in those countries immediately behind the iron curtain.

Taegliche Rundschau, the official Soviet newspaper, announced last week that the Communist party in the U.S., British and French zones would be renamed to Socialist People's Party.

A Communist party statement said: "The party today leads the fight not only for the interests of the German workers, but for the interests of the German people."

An American military government political official took issue with the statement and predicted the occupation authorities would bar it. To change its name in the American Zone, a party must receive AMG authorization.

"When the Communists apply to us for such sanction," he said, "we shall point out

"WANTED — Will lease 4 or 5 room house. Prefer place with room for cow. Write 426, News-Press-Gazette" — Adv. in the St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette.

One of the downstairs rooms would be your best bet.

Blondie, and the all-star cast of characters in PUCK, THE COMIC WEEKLY are more than a source of entertainment. They are the most powerful social force at work in this country. (From an ad in Advertising Age)

Well, anyway, the day will never come when the Communists march in triumph through the streets of Mexico.

President Truman is willing to meet Joe Stalin in Washington and he would probably come, too, if permitted to bring along the Soviet army.

The price of Biomes has gone up, too, but then most homes are already equipped with a practically unused copy.

What is one politician's pork is another's gravy.

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Texas Contractors Form A&M Engineer, Architect Council

A committee from the Texas Chapters of the Associated General Contractors of America Inc., has organized an advisory committee to work with the college in developing a program in construction engineering and architecture.

E. B. Cape, president of Gulf Bitulithic Company, Houston, was elected chairman of the advisory group at the organizational meeting held here.

Plans are to coordinate the construction engineering and architecture with the curriculum of the college and place students with the firms, giving them the actual experience.

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They adopted and approved the State Democratic Executive Committee platform with one exception.

The group recommended that the presidential electors and delegates select the loyal and outstanding Democrats who will faithfully carry out the mandates of the party as voiced in the convention assembled and will accord full support to every nominee of the party.

H. E. Burgess was precinct 3 Chairman. George McCullough was elected secretary.

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