

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Party-Bolting Becomes A Habit . . .

It begins to sound as though an old familiar note will be struck in Texas state political conventions this year. Regardless of what Presidential candidate wins the support of Texas electors at the Democratic meeting in Brownsville, somebody is sure to bolt. And the same seems true of the Republican group, apt to break in half after their Corpus Christi meeting goes on record as favoring any one of the Republican hopefuls.

After the county conventions yesterday—with Gov. Jester being booted in absentia at the Travis County convention in Austin, and the Harris County meeting in Houston winding up with an almost-even split—a bolt of one faction or another seems inevitable in the Texas Democratic party.

Texas pro-Truman Democrats want to turn the party platform over to "Northern political bosses." Chairman Robert W. Calvert of the State Democratic Executive Committee charges.

If the pro-Truman forces control the state convention at Brownwood, "Texas will be sold down the river," Calvert said in a statement.

"Who wants a delegation pledged to Truman?" he continued.

Woodville Rogers of San Antonio, self-appointed leader of the self-righteous who has not yet recovered from the fact that his candidate for governor was defeated in 1946 and that he was kicked out of the state democratic executive committee, a small coterie of followers most of whom supported Dr. (Homér P.) Rainey in the governor's race in 1946, and the more radical of the labor lead-

ers who have not followed Henry Wallace into the Progressive Party.

Jester defeated Rainey for Governor in 1946.

Calvert noted there are rumors already that Rogers and his group plan to bolt the state convention at Brownwood May 22 "When they fail to control it."

"Their policy seems to be one of rule or ruin," he added. "They started bolting before they knew what they were bolting from."

Woodville Rogers, leader of the Truman for president movement in Texas, declared the statements of Robert W. Calvert are half fabrications and "sound like he's scared."

He said false statements made by Calvert included a charge that Rogers did not support Truman for vice-president in 1944; a charge that Rogers supported the renomination of Henry Wallace for vice-president, and a charge that Rogers was "kicked off" the state democratic executive committee in 1946.

Rogers added: "All my friends know how I stand on principle and there is no use of my going over them again."

Rogers admitted that he did not support the democratic nominee for senator in 1922 but said that "26-year old skeleton should be barred for limitations."

Yes, it looks as though Texas politics will run true to form this year. There is enough faction and fuss in our "one-party" system to supply two or even three parties!

## Another Set of Strikes . . .

More strikes? It looks as though the next round of the inflation battle were beginning, with railroad workers, auto workers, steelworkers and meat handlers all talking about more pay "or else."

By now it should be evident to everyone that there is no percentage in wage increases followed by price increases followed in turn by more wage increases. But the most maddening thing about the inflation merry-go-round is that there is no place to get off.

Is there an economist anywhere in the world who can figure a way out of this mess? (Don't say "In Russia" for the Reds have had their inflation troubles too. Remember the devaluation of the ruble a few months ago?)

Another round of strikes is bound to cause more and even stiffer anti-labor legislation. But the strictest anti-strike laws fail to stop inflation. They don't even seem to stop strikes—the pressure of inflation is too great.

## Army to the Rescue . . .

Military assistance to tornado-stricken McKinney was swift. Almost before the winds had ceased to blow, Marines and Naval Reserves were on the scene. But the big job of military relief was by the Fourth Army's disaster team, on their first call.

The disaster force was flown from Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio to Hensley Field, Dallas.

Chris O'Connor, Red Cross field director, Fort Sam Houston, related a request for 250 tents, 500 cots and 1,000 blankets from McKinney. Two C-54's, two C-47's and a C-82 were assigned to the transportation of personnel and supplies.

The C-82, "Flying Boy Car," was loaded with two radio equipped "jeeps," complete with their drivers and radio operators ready to be used at the tornado site by the various relief agencies.

Twenty thousand pounds of the Army's famous "5 in 1" rations left Brooks Air Base and arrived in Dallas. The food was rushed to McKinney by motor vans. The Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot will supervise the final delivery of the food to the stricken community.

Congratulations to Gen. Thomas T. Handy and the Fourth Army for an excellent job of peace-time assistance.

## Politics Is Libelous . . .

Politicians in other states of the Union may be safely turned loose upon the radio, but not in Texas. When you think what names our politicians call each other, given a free hand . . . !

So Texas is officially protesting a proposed Federal Communications Commission ruling which would not allow radio stations to delete libel from political broadcasts.

Attorney General Price Daniel said he had prepared the protest, which will be presented when the FCC opens hearing in the case of the Port Huron, Mich., Broadcasting Company's application for renewal of its permit.

The company's license was taken away by the FCC because it censored a political speech to remove material it believed libelous, Daniel explained.

"In our opinion the Texas libel laws are in effect despite the federal communications act, and the FCC should not force radio stations to accept speeches which contain libelous matter," Daniel said.

Watch your words, pardner. The fellow at the loud speaker can't see you smile when you call your opponent a . . . (censored.)

## A Vicious Gag Bill . . .

The House Rules Committee yesterday approved a gag law. The bill was ostensibly designed to prevent "leaks" of confidential information, but as it shaped up it's just a heavy, heavy hanging over the press's head.

The House and Senate must yet give their seals of approval and the President must sign the bill before it becomes law. No one knows in an election year if that will be done or not.

The measure would impose punishments of a year in jail or a \$1000 fine on anyone divulging or publishing information which a congressional committee might classify as confidential. It would also require executive departments (the President's branch of the government) to furnish congressional committees with whatever information the committees decide they want.

The penalties would apply to newsmen as well as committee members and employees and in effect would muzzle the press.

Some congressmen obviously think the truth will out only if they decree it.

The way many a fellow falls who had balanced himself on the fence is determined by the way the wind blows.



## Small Number of Veterans Hear Report On 'Operation Bonus'

How "Operation Bonus" came to the A&M campus was described last night at a small open meeting in the Assembly Hall.

Taylor Wilkins, veterans advisor, told how a letter from the "Operation Bonus" committee at Austin was received by the president of the Student Senate, referred to the non-functioning Veterans Students Association, and finally acted upon only a few days before the recent state-wide convention of bonus-seekers in Austin.

Because of the nearness of the convention date, a "quickie" poll in The Battalion was the only feasible way of sampling student opinion, Wilkins said. The poll was made, and of the 360 ballots received, 85 per cent were for the bonus, and 90 per cent of those for a natural resources tax with which to pay the bonus.

Bob Polson and Ed Fisher were nominated as A&M delegates under authority of the VSA because they were interested and available, Wilkins said.

Polson gave a detailed report on what happened at the Austin meeting, where a resolution was adopted asking a veterans' bonus not to exceed \$500, to be paid from a natural resources tax. He gave figures to show the enormous size of natural resources exports from Texas. He further stated that a

small tax would be adequate to pay off a veterans bonus, and later help support schools of the state.

The bonus program would take three years, Polson said. A constitutional amendment would have to be passed by vote of the people, and a natural resources tax, he passed later by a vote of the legislature.

The working committee for "Operation Bonus" here has only a quasi-official status, Polson explained. The Veterans Students Association is inactive and the Student Senate is only partly composed of veterans.

The working committee has been asked to have representatives at a regional meeting in Fort Worth at TCU May 23, Polson reported.

Because the original poll of A&M students was taken on short notice, the Batt was asked to make a new poll, with more time for study and consideration. (Coupons for such a poll will be published soon in The Battalion.)

## Crippled Children Clinic Examine 108 From 13 Counties

One hundred and eight children were examined at the third annual Crippled Children's Clinic in the basement of the college hospital Monday.

Children were brought here from thirteen counties to the Kiwanis-sponsored clinic. There were 60 crippled children from Brazos County treated at the clinic; 11 from Robertson County; 9, Milam; 6, Walker; 5, Burleson; 5, Madison; 3, Grimes; 2, Trinity; 2, Houston; 1, Brewster; 1, Washington; 1, Leon; 1, Lee.

Eighteen children from vocational rehabilitation were treated, making a total of 126. There were 55 Anglo-whites, 8 Latin Americans, and 45 Negroes.

Daniel Russell of the sociology department reported that the clinic was considerably larger and more successful than any clinic ever held here. Most of the children had such defects that could be corrected by surgery. A program will be instituted through the Crippled Children's Division of the State Health Department to get surgery for all of these children.

Dr. Herbert E. Higgs of Waco and Dr. G. W. M. Eggers with Dr. R. L. Schaffer, Dr. Tom McMillan, Dr. J. H. Hendrix, and Dr. C. B. Blay from the State Medical School at Galveston conducted the clinic.

## Wacoans to Meet Thursday Night

The Waco-McLennan County Club will meet Thursday night at 7:30 in Room 301, Goodwin Hall. A new club treasurer will be elected and plans will be made for the summer party.

## 'WOLVES'

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lights up like a juke box and his eyes take on a lustful glow, "I got a bottle out in my roommate's car. What say we have a little drink? Come on."

"I don't drink, but thanks anyway."

"Aw one little bitty snort ain't gonna hurt nothing. This is good stuff too, Three Feathers! Let's go, what you say?"

"No thanks, I don't drink, really."

Well, I'll tell you what. How about coming along with me while I get one. We could sit out there and talk while I have a shot. Willya?"

I was saved the need of refusing when a fourth, and more common type wolf cut in. My new adversary was an average sized, plain featured non-reg Romeo—who's two years of state side duty in the army had convinced him that a direct assault was the best approach to any problem, be it of heart or classroom.

"Hi, babe," he says, "my name's Roy. What's yours?"

"Carol," I said. "Carol, that sounds familiar. Now I got it; at a dance at the USO in San Angelo in '46."

"I never attended any sort of dance in San Angelo." "Aw, you remember; I wore a mustache and besides I was a T-5 at the time."

"But I never went to any dance in San Angelo."

"Were you ever at Fort Bliss?"

"No."

"Well, maybe it was somebody that looked like you, you know how it is. You meet so many girls when you're a non-com like I wuz."

Now that he had broken the ice, he felt that he was in. Obviously this girl in his arms is just waiting to be led to temporary concealment behind a potted shrub, or better still she wants to be shown what the more remote parts of the campus look like in moonlight.

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rush. When the music stopped, he whipped out his handkerchief and wiped his brow. Then, stated, "Gosh but it's hot in here. Let's blow this firetrap and take a spin in my car."

"I can't really. My date will be looking for me."

"I bet your date is one of these little Corps kids. He won't miss you; these little Corps kids don't know from nothing. They ain't been nowhere like us veterans have. Come on, let's go."

"No, I can't."

"But, I got a CAR!" Ex-T-5 cried in desperation, as good ole Jim came up and we danced away.

"I bet you're disappointed to have your own date cut back!" Jim said.

I looked at that big dope, and just shook my head. "If you only knew," I thought to myself.

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