

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Two Solutions to Red Menace . . .

Two sharply contrasting solutions to the Communist menace were offered by Secretary of State Marshall and the Methodist General Conference.

Marshall, in a testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, spoke out in favor of a peaceful arbitration and settlement of the differences between the U. S. and Russia. He said that it would be "unfortunate" for the United Nations to break off relations with Russia.

He emphasized also that any drastic shake-up of the U. N. at this time without Russian agreement would destroy the organization and cause an immediate race to set up rival military alliances.

The best solution that he could see would be to convince the Russian leaders that the two countries can live side by side in peace.

Meanwhile the Methodist Conference in Boston was preparing its proposed method of combating Communism.

Their plan, offered by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer of New York, called for a school to train missionaries in Communist ideas and then send them to "spread Christianity" in Communist centers.

Since they felt that it would be impossible to get behind the iron curtain, their missionaries would be active in Japan, Korea, China and other places suffering from Communist infiltration.

Diffendorfer said that the more the missionaries knew about Communism the better able they would be to combat it. Their drive for funds gets underway immediately.

It is a little strange to find Marshall taking the negative approach to the problem, and the churchmen ready to take the offensive. But any solution to the problem of Communism is a good one—provided it really solves and doesn't just cover up the differences which are ripping the world in two.

## 'You Reactionaries' . . .

Senator Wayne Morse is mad. He has been ostracized by a group that he was instrumental in forming.

When Morse approached Connecticut's Senator Baldwin on the idea of forming a group of "progressive" Republicans to consider party policy he fully intended to become a member of the group himself. Not only that, but he named several other "liberal" minded senators—Aiken (Vt.), Cooper (Ky.), Langer (Ind.), and Tobey (N.H.)—whom he thought should also be asked to join.

When the group's first meeting was about to be convened at the home of Senator Baldwin, Morse approached Morse with the word that he thought the group should be composed of progressively minded senators who had followed the party policies with regularity. This left Morse and his nominees out in the cold. Morse returned the fire with the charge of "reactionary."

The idea appears to be a good one. Certainly, in times such as these a progressive group within the party which controls congress is something to be desired. But, just because a senator kicks over the party traces every now and then should he not bar to his admittance to the group? The Republicans are not right all the time. When they are wrong, then it is good that there are men who will disregard party lines and come out with their objections.

A group formed to map out party policy which bars men who do not follow party lines on every issue defeats its own purpose. Senator Baldwin should reconsider.

P. S. — This philosophy applies to Democrats as well as Republicans.

## Taylor—A Martyr? . . .

Vice presidential candidate Glen Taylor just missed being thrown in a Birmingham jail Monday evening. Fined \$50 and costs and given 180 days in jail, Taylor's sentence was stayed and he was placed on probation by a police court judge. The charge arose out of a scuffle between a police man and Taylor when the latter refused admittance to a church through a door reserved for negroes.

Taylor is apparently trying to squeeze all the campaign material out of the charge he can. For he has decided to appeal the case. Just why he wanted to enter the church through that particular door is not known, but judging from this campaign up to now it was just another excuse to rave about alleged abuses of the citizen's rights under the constitution.

Somebody may take Taylor's rantings to heart, but from here it looks as though he is stooping just a little lower in an effort to degrade this nation in the eyes of the world. His arrest will make nice copy for foreign newspapers who will play up the arrest of a vice presidential candidate for what Henry Wallace called "upholding the basic law of the land."

Senator Taylor may be proud of his martyrdom and so may Wallace, but to the rest of the nation it must appear as just another stupid act in a stupid campaign.

## '48 Year of Crisis . . .

Few people will argue against President Truman's statement that the present year "may well determine the world's future."

Our first thought is that the remaining eight months may well bring us to the crisis in the cold-war between Russia and the Democracies. The cold war either will have developed into a shooting war or we shall have substantiation for our belief that another global conflict isn't inevitable. Certainly the world's fate hangs in the balance.

That's the number 1 issue, but interlocked with it are many other momentous matters. For instance, can Russia be held along the line which she has established across Central Europe or will she be able to surge westward?

We shall learn whether the new alignment of the nations in western Europe in conjunction with the Marshall Plan is the real thing or just a flash in the pan.

Can Italy and France overcome the double handicap of fierce economic depression and the assault of powerful Communist parties which take their orders from Moscow? Can England pull herself out of her economic tailspin and reestablish the military strength essential to this sentinel of western democracy?

We'll have a much better idea of the answers to these questions along about June, 1949.

## Gag Bill Challenged . . .

The "gag bill" discussed here recently has drawn sharp reaction, and is apt to be tested soon. The bill provides jail sentences for reporters who print information that comes to them from government "leaks."

A bill containing that idea may be taken up in the House before the end of this week. But there appears to be little chance that the jail-for-reporters provision will stick.

At least two members, Reps. Brown (R-Ohio) and Price (D-Ill.) said they will offer amendments to strike out the provision, and speaker Martin (R-Mass.) told newsmen "the press has nothing to fear from this Congress."

The provision is part of a bill drafted by the House Expenditures Committee as a result of the Commerce Department's refusal to turn over to the un-American Activities Committee data wanted for a loyalty investigation. (Dr. Condon, the man being investigated, had been cleared by the FBI, which didn't seem enough to satisfy the Thomas committee.)

"Gag" bills are bad medicine, no matter how well they seem justified by contemporary conditions. Nothing is easier to abuse than a law which can keep newspapers from telling the truth about the government.

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## BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS . . .

### Brink Offers Good Advice To Potential Bridegrooms

By KENNETH BOND  
"THIS MAN AND THIS WOMAN" by Frederick W. Brink. Copyright 1948, by the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Association. Price \$1.50.

So you're going to get married? Then consider yourself obligated to read "This Man and This Woman."

Entering a subject that has been covered rather thoroughly by countless numbers of authors and otherwise, Fredrick W. Brink brings pertinent information to the engaged and the newly wed in a refined fashion.

He says that most writers prefer to use one of two old threadbare approaches—the romantic and the materialistic. The romantic approach, says Brink, recognizes the biological urge but is centered more on the emotions and the affections. Marriage is provided, these people believe, in order to give them an opportunity to remain continuously in each other's company and to express their emotions by the sharing of love and passion.

The materialistic consider the relation between man and woman as being purely biological, Brink states. Marriage is merely a social relationship whereby they may live together without legal censure or social criticism.

Brink takes the attitude that marriage is a combination realistic—religious problem. He tries to avoid the pitfalls of the other two approaches by recognizing the biological processes and taking into consideration the romantic angle.

He emphasizes that prospective brides and bridegrooms must consider four important things:

Marriage must not be entered into with haste. "You don't buy a car hastily so why pick a mate overnight?"

Marriage must be based on more

## Letters

NSA COMMUNISTIC?

Editor, The Battalion:

Is NSA Communistic? The articles written by Mr. J. T. Miller suggest that it is. Either Mr. Miller or his information is biased.

If he is biased, he should not be writing articles that are supposed to inform the people about the subject.

He was not at the NSA convention; therefore his information must be second-hand. Where does he obtain it?

Before the voting on NSA at TU, the Daily Texan was full of articles suggesting that it was Communistic. It was later proven that NSA was not, but that Red factions on the campus were coercing the students into believing that it was.

I would like to read some articles written by a man who was at the NSA convention, and who could give a true picture of what NSA is, and what its good as well as its bad points are.

It is true that there were Communists at the convention. What are we supposed to do, run away screaming and yelling that it is

full of disagreeable factions and let them take over?

The Communists do not control the convention because they were not enough thinking men to give up now that the battle is in our favor.

It is also true that the International Union of Students is Communistic. But the articles in the Battalion did not point out the fact that the NSA has broken away from IUS for that very reason.

Is there anyone on this campus well enough informed on NSA to conduct an open forum? If so, would he do so? I believe the interest is great enough to warrant it.

Sincerely,  
PATRICK H. RAMSEY, '48

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a lack of space, the third article in this series—the one analyzing the activities of the Communist party within the NSA—was not printed yesterday or today. However, it is expected that the article will be published in Friday's edition of The Battalion. So please reserve any further judgment of Red activities in the NSA until you read our third article of the series.

## Deadline June 30 For Disabled Vets

Seriously disabled World War II veterans, eligible for automotive vehicles at government expense, have until June 30 to submit their applications, the Veterans Administration has reported.

The Veterans Administration advised these veterans to apply for cars as soon as possible to allow ample time to process their applications.

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