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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

A Delicate Color-Line . . .

The question of racial segregation has arisen once again; this time in the house military affairs committee room. Senator Russell (D-Ga.) has asked the committee to include in its compromise military training bill a provision guaranteeing every enlisted man the right to serve only in a unit made up of men of "his own race."

The committee turned down the proposal, 7 to 4. Russell issued a statement shortly afterward saying, "The amendment did not enforce segregation, it only preserved freedom of choice to the individual as to the race of the military unit in which he is forced to serve."

With this fresh outbreak the Southern senators continued their fight against President Truman's civil rights program. However, this is the first time that the senators' revolt has affected the defense program now in Congress. It may not be the last.

The racial problem is an explosive one, particularly when it threatens harmony within the armed forces. There are definite regulations which forbid racial discrimination in the services, but these are not strictly enforced. A regulation cannot alter the feelings of one man for another.

It would be just as foolish for Southern senators to stipulate that all white enlisted

men be segregated from negroes as for Northern reformers to stipulate that all units must be composed of mixed races.

A few weeks ago A. Philip Randolph, president of the Sleeping Car Porters Union, warned that Negroes might refuse to accept a military draft on what he called "Jim Crow" lines.

This undoubtedly angered the Southern senators, yet they must realize that either we exempt Negroes from war service, or face the problems involved. There is a balance, which does not mix races in small units, yet does not give the Negro personnel a feeling of being "segregated," but rather of being formed into homogeneous units. It is a delicate balance, and is best accomplished by capable commanders who have been given considerable discretion. We have seen this accomplished in World War II in certain units and theatres. But there was no question about its being a fair-line balance.

One somehow suspects that Senator Russell and those who support him are not sincere in this "segregate the whites" request. In their desire to show their anger over President Truman's Civil Rights program—and their contempt for A. Philip Randolph—they are holding up defense legislation. That is a most questionable tactic, and will do the South no good.

The next thing, we suppose, will be stand bys for the non-union characters appearing in Walt Disney productions.

We read that petticoats may soon be made out of peanuts. But it isn't likely they will be sold for that.

NSA's Executive Authority . . .

ARTICLE III. EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

A. The Executive Committee of the USNSA

- The Executive Committee shall consist of the members of the Staff Committee, without vote, and the regional representatives.
- The presiding officer shall be the President of the USNSA. He shall be empowered to cause one vote in the event of a tie vote.
- Each voting member shall cast one vote. All decisions shall be by a majority of such votes unless otherwise specified.
- The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice between sessions of the Congress. Special meetings may be called by a majority of its own membership by the Staff Committee, or by its presiding officer.
- The Executive Committee shall:
 - Determine the date and place of the annual session of the Congress.
 - Supervise collection of funds on the national level in accordance with the budget.
 - Supervise the execution of policies established by the Congress.
 - Determine by two-thirds vote emergency policies of the USNSA when such decisions may be required by immediate and imperative problems arising in the period between annual sessions of the Congress. Such decisions shall be reviewed by each Regional Assembly at its next meeting.
 - Nominate, by majority vote all members of the Advisory Council. The nominations shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Congress.
 - Approve by a two-thirds vote all appointments made by the President to fill vacancies on the Staff Committee.
 - Serve as the steering committee of the Congress.
 - Suspend by a two-thirds vote Executive Officers in the period between annual sessions of the Congress.
 - By a majority vote, determine the order of succession of the vice-presidents in the event that the president is unable to fulfill the duties of his office.
- A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be two-thirds of its members, representing not less than one-half of the regions.

B. The Staff Committee of the USNSA

- The Staff Committee shall consist of the Executive Officers and the National Editor.
- Each member shall be elected annually by the Congress from its own membership, with the exception of the National Editor, who shall be elected in accordance with the by-laws.
- Under no circumstances shall any person be elected to the Staff Committee more than twice.
- Each member shall be permitted to withdraw from any part or all of his course of study during his term of office without prejudice to his standing as a student under the Constitution.
- Each member shall be compensated for his services as specified in the annual budget.
- The Staff Committee shall:
 - Advise and assist Executive Officers.
 - Determine the publication policies of the USNSA in accordance with this Constitution and the decisions of the Congress.

If the Arabs and the Jews could be brought together perhaps they could be kept apart.

Two Accused of Spitting Currency. A safer method of doubling money is to fold it.

C. The Executive Officers of the USNSA

1. The Executive Officers shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- The President shall:
 - Be the chief executive officer of the USNSA.
 - Officially represent the USNSA.
 - Make all clerical appointments necessary and proper to the fulfillment of his office.
 - Be responsible for the general execution of all decisions of the Congress and the Executive Committee.
 - Fill any vacancies which may occur in the Staff Committee subject to the provisions of this Constitution. Any person so appointed shall act in a temporary capacity until approved by the Executive Committee.
 - Perform such duties as specifically delegated to him by the Congress and or by this Constitution. He shall delegate such of his powers as shall be necessary to the fulfillment of his office, subject to the disapproval of the Executive Committee.
- The Vice-Presidents shall:
 - Be equal in number to the number of National Commissions.
 - Succeed the President in case of his removal, resignation, death, or inability to fulfill his office. The order of succession shall be determined by majority vote of the Executive Committee.
 - Assist the President in the performance of his duties.
- The Secretary shall:
 - Supervise by keeping of records and the handling of all official correspondence.
 - Be office manager of the national offices.
 - Send minutes of the Executive Committee meetings to all member student bodies.
- The Treasurer shall:
 - Prepare an annual budget, in accordance with the recommendations of the Staff Committee, to be presented to the National Student Congress.
 - Collect members' dues and receive all other funds of the USNSA.
 - Be the sole disbursing agent of the USNSA.
 - Disburse funds only upon written request in accordance with the annual budget.
 - Keep complete and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursement of all funds.
 - Prepare annual financial reports, which shall have been approved by a registered firm of certified public accountants, to present to the Congress, and prepare such other reports as the Executive Committee shall request.

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BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS . . .

How Orientals Solve Their Problems of Soil Fertility

FARMERS OF FORTY CENTURIES, or PERMANENT AGRICULTURE IN CHINA, KOREA, AND JAPAN, by F. H. King, D. Sc.; Ronald Press, Enclave, Penn. Price \$5.00.

Dr. King traveled deep into the hinterlands of the Orient to gather material for this book. He noted and photographed methods used by these old races to preserve the fertility of the soil upon which their very existence depends.

The 209 actual photographs used to illustrate the book show the people of China, Japan and Korea as they go about their daily lives. Also photographed and described are the clever tricks of horticulture which both amaze and delight the American gardener.

The seventeen chapters in the 370 page book reveal the knowledge gained by Orientals through centuries of experience in keeping the soil healthy in both production and endurance. The author says we have many lessons to learn from China in the field of agriculture.

Compost rather than chemical fertilizer is the secret of the problem of maintaining soil fertility in the East. Application of com-

Horseshoeing Revolutionized By Plastic Hoof-Shoe Fastener

By CHARLES WADE

Will James' "Smoky" would have a surprise if he were living today. The back-breaking process of horseshoeing is to be revolutionized by the development of a plastic that fastens the hoof and shoe together.

The "super glue" was developed by C. F. Quartullo of the Vioqueering Company, Inc. This company specializes in solutions to all types of different problems whether they be of the industrial or agricultural kind.

In brief, here is the procedure: The horse's hoof is probably trimmed, the shoe cleaned, some plasticizer is applied between them, induction heat is applied, and presto they become one. Shoes for riding horses have

Williams Suggests Closer Farm Study

D. W. Williams, A&M vice-president for agriculture, urged yesterday that Congress study carefully any changes in the government farm program.

In Washington to testify before a House Agriculture Subcommittee on legislation to consolidate various land use agencies, Williams outlined his views in an informal meeting with Texas members of Congress.

He said that administrative changes are needed to "eliminate confusion" in the farm program.

Congress, he said, should not give the Secretary of Agriculture too much authority, but should leave controls in the hands of committee members.

Monthly Statement On Loans Released

A monthly statement released by the Brazos County Abstract Company revealed that a total of 52 loans involving \$221,480.86 was made by all lending agencies in Brazos County during the month of April. This includes only new loans and no renewals of old ones.

Leading all other agencies was the Bryan Building and Loan Association which made 25 of the 52 loans for a total of \$65,950.86.

The Brazos County Abstract Company has used every possible caution in compiling these figures, but accuracy is not guaranteed, Couter Hoppes, president of the company, said.

Pre-Med, Pre-Dent Society to Meet

Dr. H. L. Stewart, one of the foremost eye, ear, nose, and throat specialists in the southwest, will address the Pre-Med, Pre-Dental Society Monday evening at 7:30.

He will speak on "Carcinoma of the Pharynx and Larynx and Its Relationship to Cancer."

Faires to Explain Post Graduation Plan to Seniors

A&M's program of Post Graduation Studies will be explained to seniors graduating in June, July, or August during senior seminar periods in the next two weeks, V. M. Faires has announced.

Faires, head of the management engineering department and director of the program, will explain how the program works and the possible advantages to be derived by the graduate in broadening his education.

Extra seats will be available for students when Faires meets with mechanical engineers in Room 303, ME Building, at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14.

Seniors who will not otherwise hear about this new development are invited to attend this period.

Faires said that explanation of the program will be given to electrical engineering seniors during a regular class period at 8 a.m., May 20.

Additional periods will be arranged later for students who are not contacted during this schedule of talks, Faires concluded.

Wide Variety Of Talent Desired By Civil Service

Vacancies as librarian, social worker, marketing specialist, and public health workers have been recently announced by the Civil Service.

In salaries ranging from \$2,644 to \$8,179, the Service is calling for a wide range of talent.

Applications may apply for positions as marketing specialist and serve as bacteriologist, biologist, chemist, entomologist, mycologist, parasitologist, and serologist. The salaries range from \$3,347 to \$8,179 per year. The positions to be filled are located throughout the United States.

Applicants for the position as public health service must expect to serve anywhere in the United States or Hawaii. Salaries range from \$3,397 to \$5,905.

Salaries for social workers range from \$2,644 to \$4,149 per year. Positions of medical and psychiatric social worker, child welfare, social worker in public assistance are offered.

Applications will be accepted until September 3, 1948.

Employment is being offered in various Federal agencies for librarians in the state of Texas. Salaries range from \$3,397 to \$1,149.

Piano Playing Apes Gorilla-Keeper Gets Superb Service in Waldorf-Astoria

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—Fred Sandman used to enjoy lunching with a big ape at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The meals were always on the house when we showed up," he said.

The ape, who expected and got the best service, was Jennie, a chimpanzee. To Sandman, who also helped raise the circus gorilla, Jennie was perhaps the most intelligent creature he handled in 31 years with wild animals.

She could typewrite, eat at a table and use a napkin more daintily than the average night club gorilla of those days. She would also play the piano by ear—her ear.

Today as supervisor of the Central Park Zoo Sandman is host to 450 caged animals and birds every day, to 50,000 human visitors every Sunday, and to novelist Elinor Hurst once a month.

"She brought me a crow that had been hit by an automobile," he said. "She's always bringing me animals she picked up. Once she brought in two bright-colored chicks somebody had turned loose in the park after Easter."

"People bring in all kinds of animals to the zoo," Sandman said. "They get to be a problem. At least 20 rabbits they bring me each summer. "Sonny wants to keep them at

Sandman takes particular pride in two animals—Leo, the sway-backed lion, and "Charles F.," one of the world's few tiglons.

The Tiglon's father was a tiger and his mother a lioness.

"He has a nervous habit of chewing off his tail," said the supervisor. "Done it twice, now, probably frustration. He just can't figure out how he ever happened."

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