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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Czechoslovakia - A Muscovite Empire

Less than two weeks ago the Reds took over the democracy of Czechoslovakia and added another nation to her list of seized nations.

The Communist controlled election of Czechoslovakia was a terrible blow to the freedom loving peoples of the world. Czechoslovakia was born as a result of World War I. She had governed herself for 30 years and was one of the outstanding Central European Democratic Republics.

There was only one ticket, the ticket of hand-picked National Front Candidates, backed by Russia, so that the Communists would not lose. The only way opposition could have been expressed was to cast a blank ballot and that under the eyes of the Red ballot box watchers, a chance unhealthy to undertake.

Ironically enough the Russian coup in Czechoslovakia fits into a familiar pattern—a pattern that is repeated by the Russians in every country they take over.

The Russian line goes like this. First a series of big political speeches and rallies are staged in which comradeship of

the Slavic Peoples is emphasized. Next, Russian agents infiltrate the government of the victim country. These agents take over key government posts including police offices.

The police then prevent news from leaking out. In case of internal opposition, the police are advantageous in suppressing public demonstrations.

This same plan of action was followed in Czechoslovakia. The Democratic Czech government suddenly found itself swamped with Communist sympathizers.

Everything that the Czech Democratic government built for its people was destroyed overnight. The Bill of Rights which is similar to the American Bill of Rights was declared null and void.

The Soviets stated that this was done so as to better the internal social, economic and political situation of a once-proud and Democratic Nation of the World—Czechoslovakia.

This is a good example of what the democracies of today can expect from Russia.

Latest in Science

Radar-Equipped Cops . . .

A report from Columbus, Ohio, states that the police of that city have adopted radar to trap speeding motorists. Such tactics bode no good for students and others fortunate enough to own a car.

As yet the local law enforcement crew has not equipped its cruising squad cars with radar antenna, nor has one appeared at Goodwin Hall, but if it does the anti-car campaign would become unbearable.

An innocent driver, edging his car into a verboten zone will be spotted immediately from Campus Security Headquarters. The north gate will become a trap for any driver at the Goodwin Hall beam sweeps ceaselessly to and fro. No doubt a hushed silence will fall over the campus if the radar antenna pauses in its swing and menacingly starts to search a restricted area.

Columbus police will have no jump or campus security. If a wandering patrolman slides into the Cave for a snort of coffee the never failing electronic beam will continue its search, waiting to trap all who dare to disobey the law.

\$10,000 Limit on Politics . . .

Once again the people of Texas find themselves in the midst of a senatorial election. And once again the old expressions of "professional politician" and "political yes-man" are being thrown with the same old mud.

This year, however, a new twist has been added that might be worthy of investigation.

One potential candidate for junior senator has requested that Attorney General Price Daniel conduct a thorough investigation during the coming campaign to see how much the candidates spend on the election. If any of them exceed the \$10,000 limit, the candidate asked Daniel to prosecute.

The Attorney General refused, saying that the law did not permit it. He contended that the job of prosecution would have to come from county and district attorneys.

Who is actually the watchdog of the campaigns, no one seems to know. Since it is quite apparent that most candidates do exceed the limit, regardless of position sought, authority should be delegated to someone.

However, as the question only arises every election year, and as each responsible authority throws the question to someone else for fear of losing votes, it will probably be a long time before some radical decides to enforce the law.

Even Summer School

Has Advantages . . .

The advantages associated with summer school are few in number, as anyone who has just returned from an afternoon lab will admit. It took a hardy soul to sign away his vacation on registration day.

However, a recent Battalion survey turned up 75 reasons for attending summer school and they are all women. The girls are going to prove to be the silver lining in the summer educational cloud. Even the most discouraged among us takes heart when, upon entering class, he sights one or more of our female students. The fact that some of them are not sporting a wedding band is tonic to our souls.

But, perhaps the women too are unhappy at the prospect of spending their summer in school. Then, it is up to the unattached members of the student body to make life here as pleasant as possible for our summer guests.

Ladies, if there is any attraction to summer school you are it, and you are bid a hearty welcome from us all.

How Permanent Is It? . . .

An uneasy peace came to Palestine today to the accompaniment of air raid sirens and gun bursts.

The four-week armistice and arms embargo became effective at 11 this morning and Count Folke Bernadotte, U. N. mediator went into action to solve the great issue of partition.

The Jews said the cease fire order was generally observed several hours before the early morning deadline even though a last minute bombing raid was made on Damascus. Random shooting echoed in the Holy City for six minutes after the armistice went into effect.

An hour and a half after the armistice was effective, sirens started in Tel Aviv but no Arab planes were sighted.

Great Britain has announced that she would not recognize Israel during the truce because such a move would be a "positive act of intervention" with favor being given to one side.

Born in a bloody war, the first Jewish nation since before the days of Christ had its first day of peace today.

Will this four week period spell the end of the war or will it merely be a chance for each side to organize and refill their powder horns?

A man who loves his enemies seldom has any.

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History Profs Differ On Presidential Race

By LARRY GOODWIN

Presidential elections — in depressions or prosperity, whether hotly contested or a thing in common; they serve to divide groups, the members of which have much in common.

Such is the case with the 1948 elections. In the first article in this series, Dr. Gammon's acknowledged desire to see Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican from Michigan, become the next president was pointed out. However, as would be expected, Dr. Gammon's opinion is not shared by all his colleagues in the department.

For example, Dr. Paul J. Woods, erstwhile Illinoisian and avowed Democrat, fails to rank Vandenberg at the top of his presidential preference list. To Dr. Woods, the best man in the Republican party appears to be Harold Stassen. "I favor Stassen although he has weakened his position in recent weeks by his equivocation. Stassen's chances for the nomination, of course, suffered a jolt when he was beaten in the Oregon primaries last week by Dewey; and it is now problematical whether he'll even get the Republican nomination."

Texas Highest in Industrial Accident Fatalities in 1947

Commenting upon "the Texas had in 1947 in leading the nation in industrial accident fatalities," Governor Beauford H. Jester has called "for the most comprehensive and action" to correct the situation.

Knapp Leaves On Gulf Coast Study Of Menhaden Fish

Frank T. Knapp, professor of fisheries, department of wildlife management, left Saturday to carry on research work during the summer on the ecology of the menhaden.

The purpose of this study is to determine the part this fish plays in the lives of the game and commercial fishes of the Texas Coast.

Knapp will be located at the recently dedicated Marine Biological Laboratory of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission at Rockport, Texas. He will be assisted during the period of this work by Charles Bowers and L. N. Robinson, A&M students in the department of wildlife management.

Although research on this marine problem is just beginning it is expected that it will be continued until sufficient information has been obtained to enable the utilization of the menhaden in Texas waters without interference with the present game and commercial fisheries.

'Doing the Republican Glide' Is Latest GOP Election Ditty

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Wherever Republicans gather within the next few months, you'll probably hear it. . . .

"This year is '48."
"Let's have a landslide."
"Going from state to state."
"Doing the Republican Glide."
The new song got its start-off at a big shindig given by ladies of the GOP here recently. It is accompanied by a special dance also called the Republican Glide. The music is catchy, sounds a little Congo-ish, is easy to remember. . . .
"Every four years there comes an election
"Candidates who will ring the gong
"But this year when you make your selection
"To the Republicans he will belong . . ."
The chorus starts out with the "This year is '48" refrain then goes on . . .
"Some men will vote for Taft,
"Others are Dewey-eyed,
"Who's on MacArthur's raft,
"Doing the Republican Glide?
"Vandenberg, or Stassen,
"Who will have the last in?
"Warren, Martin, — who knows
"Which way the wind blows?
"So when your pleasure's spent
"We'll help you point with pride
"To your next president
"Doing the Republican Glide."

Transition to Television Set Brings Hoard of Problems

By C. C. MUNROE

The lights go out. Your best buddy makes a dive for your desk chair and settles himself comfortably. Your roommate, an EE major of no small ability, proudly times in his newly constructed television receiver. Hoards of visitors, destined to become your "friends," have a collective sigh of admiration as John's other wife becomes distinguishable on the screen. Whistles and catcalls drown out your sigh as you retire to the only available space in the room—the closet.

Sitting there you have a chance to think, for now only a few subdued whistles interrupt the gripping story of John and his wives.

In the past when you turned out the lights you could be reasonably certain of at least a little privacy. Not so now. Your buddies, money lending and otherwise, spend their time waiting for darkness so that they may dash your way with "television" gleaming in their eyes. The less subtle ones enter at dusk and turn out the lights themselves, announcing that it is time for the popular television show, "The Kinsey Hour," and you darn well better get the set tuned up.

No, all this hasn't happened yet, but from all reports the country will be spanned with television net-

works in two or three years. College Station may expect the new medium then in four or five years, so television is not just a dream, even in Brazos County.

The possibilities are terrifying. If you have three years left in school, adding an extra one or two for academic reasons, you may be a member of the first class to enjoy television in college. You can't slow the march of progress. Television is on its way.

Some students claim they study better listening to quiet music from the radio. What will happen when, in a few years, someone announces the next number on the "Television Hour" to the "Sotheby's"? Will you be able to continue to keep your eyes on your book?

College sports may, in the future, be televised so that campus individuals may see the game as clearly as those in attendance, perhaps even more clearly.

Classes may be disbanded and students will be able to attend lectures, hearing and seeing the teacher, without leaving their rooms. Portable receivers will enable students who cannot return to school every Monday because of sick relatives to attend class

along with those who couldn't leave school because of lack of funds. The possibilities of television are unlimited. Some of them are desirable, some not. But, since the march of progress cannot be stemmed, let us face it with uplifted eyes. "Say, roommate, it's time for 'On and Off the Television Beam,' turn on the set!"

230 Reservists Mobilize To Prepare Camps for Training

Reservists, 230 strong, mobilized for the week-end to assume the emergency organization of a Class I Installation in preparation to receive and process 2700 enlisted reservists, the senior instructor of the reserve said today.

Many of the reservists probably thought that a week-end of swimming and amusement was in store for them, but they were rudely awakened to the fact that the training period meant 16 hours of hard work under a 102 degree sun. After an orientation of the problem at 2 p.m. Saturday, two camps were organized. Camp commanders organized their camp staffs and all day Sunday the staffs functioned in an effort to beat the time-limit to submit their complete plans to operate under emergency conditions and to tie up all details with the other staffs. One break was taken to witness a tank demonstration put on by Combat Command A, 45th Armored Division.

After Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, Executive of the Texas Military District, inspected the camps, he commented that this is the kind of training that will not only do the Army some good but will prove the making of reserve officers and enlisted men.

For most of the reservists, the week-end at Eagle Mountain Lake was the first time that they had donned their army uniforms since their separation from the service. After the original confusion in getting back into the army jargon and method of doing things, the reservists soon functioned as well as they did during the war, Col. Abbott concluded.

4 Rhodes Scholar Candidates To Be Selected in December

Four Rhodes Scholars will be selected from this district in December, 1948. They will matriculate at Oxford, England in October, 1949, for a period of not less than two years or more than three.

This district includes six states with headquarters in New Orleans, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Alabama are in our district. Jack Rhodes of Port Arthur was the last A&M man to win a Rhodes Scholarship. He received the honor in 1946.

Three candidates are selected by each state committee, and the final selection of four is made by the district committee in New Orleans.

Eligibility for the scholarships is limited to men students. Prospective candidates must have completed two years of university work

Scientific Paper By Dr. Schweigert To Be Published

A review on the nutritional requirements of the cotton rat and hamster, written by Dr. B. S. Schweigert of the biochemistry and nutrition department, will appear soon in "Vitamins and Hormones," an annual reference volume of scientific papers.

In his article, Dr. Schweigert points out that the cotton rat and hamster have been found to be particularly useful in virus research. They are susceptible to poliomyelitis and tooth decay and are being used extensively in attacking both problems, the author states.

Another scientific paper by A&M faculty and staff members is an article by Fred Hale, animal husbandry professor, and Carl M. Lyman, of the biochemistry and nutrition department. The article, "Cottonseed as a Source of Animal Feedstuffs," is published in a monograph on cottonseed and cottonseed products. The monograph is made up of chapters written by specialists in the field of cotton technology.

Cecil Wamble and John C. Leahy, both in the cotton research laboratory at A&M, are other local contributors.

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