

ITALIAN COMMUNISTS SUFFER DEFEAT

ROME, Dec. 1 (AP)—Communist Monday suffered their worst defeat since the nationwide elections of last April in voting in two northern Italian provinces.

The former Austrian provinces of Trent and Alto Adige were balloting for a 40-seat regional council. The Communist Party won only two seats and their socialist allies three.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Christian Democrats won 17 seats. The Volkspartei, made up of German-speaking South Tyroleans, won 18. A dissident Catholic group called the party of Trent received four, the Anti-Communist Socialists, three, and four small anti-Communist parties, one seat each.

HARTLEY FAVORS REPEAL OF LABOR LAW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Rep. Hartley (R-N.J.), co-author of the Taft-Hartley Labor Law, said yesterday he favors repeal of the present requirement for an employee election to determine whether there should be a union shop.

Experience with this requirement, he explained, has demonstrated that it is "costly and unnecessary."

He said union shop agreements could be made a matter for bargaining directly between labor and management.

Hartley told reporters he also believes that the present requirement for labor union officials to file non-Communist affidavits should be extended to management.

LOBBYING INVESTIGATION MAY BE UNDERTAKEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—President Truman said yesterday through congressional investigation of lobbying activities would have a "very salutary effect."

The chief executive added that he would "be glad to see such an investigation undertaken."

Truman expressed his view in a letter to Eric Peterson, general secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Machinists.

The president was replying to a telegram from Peterson, urging such an inquiry. Peterson's union has called for a congressional probe of lobbying activities during the 80th congress.

JAPANESE WARMAKERS WIN TEMPORARY RESPITE

TOKYO, Dec. 1 (AP)—War-time Premier Hideki Tojo and six other top Japanese warmakers won an eleventh hour respite yesterday from the hangman's noose.

General Douglas MacArthur said they would "certainly not" be executed until the Supreme Court of the United States has acted on appeals by two of the condemned men.

The next scheduled meeting of the Supreme Court is December 8. The appeals from the International Military Tribunal's verdict were filed in Washington yesterday in behalf of Former Premier Koki Hirota, who helped plot Japan's pre-World War II plans, and Gen. Kenji Doihara, known to the Chinese as the "Bird of Evil Omen."

'UNTOUCHABLES' NOW TOUCHABLE

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 1 (AP)—India's 50,000,000 untouchables, former outcasts of Hindu society, are granted equality with other citizens of the Indian union by a provision in the draft constitution now being drawn up.

The constituent assembly yesterday adopted a provision outlawing untouchability and providing penalties for its practice.

SENATOR WILL INSIST ON MILITARY 'UNIFICATION'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Senator Hill (D-Ala.) warned the nation's military chiefs yesterday he intends to "raise Cain until there is real unification of the armed forces."

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Hill said, he will demand in the next congress that the Army, Navy and Air Force put aside their "petty fighting" for the country's good.

POAGE BELIEVES DEPRESSION COMING

WACO, Dec. 1 (AP)—Rep. W. R. Poage (D-Tex.) believes "we are already headed down the road to depression."

Poage emphasized, however, he was not predicting economic bust in the very near future. It depends on what congress does, he said.

"The government can not determine prosperity by edict," Poage continued, "but it can hold certain trends in check for awhile and it can change certain trends. Great expansion of government spending for the military and for European air may be the factor which will reverse the downward economic trend."

SPECIAL TEXAN TRAIN GOING TO INAUGURATION

CORSICANA, Tex., Dec. 1 (AP)—A special train to carry Texans to Washington for the inauguration of President Truman and vice president-elect Barkley is planned by the Texas Democratic Inauguration committee.

State Chairman John G. Calhoun of Corsicana and Burris Jackson of Hillboro are to go to Washington next month to plan entertainment for the Texas Delegation.

All Texans, regardless of how they voted, were invited to join the delegation.

San Antonio Scribes Boost Aggies' Stock

By LARRY GOODWYN

Praise is a wonderful thing, especially when it comes from sources far afield and more especially when it is deserved.

A&M, thanks to a certain 14-14 tie last Thursday, has come in for more than its share of praise—and the most encouraging thing is that all the praise appears to be true.

So time out to pat the Aggies on the back while we quote two San Antonio newspapers, commenting on the Thanksgiving game.

From the column of Harold Scherwitz, sports editor of the San Antonio Light, comes the following post-game commentary:

"When the record of the Southwest Conference's 1948 football season is written, one of the most remarkable chapters will be devoted to Texas A&M College.

"The careful, searching historians will write it down as one of the most successful seasons in Texas A&M history, even if the Aggies did finish dead last in the standings.

"From a playing standpoint? No, because the Texas A&M team, while a courageous outfit that has given practically every foe a hard afternoon, it is simply must have one of the best football teams—if not the best. When they don't get it, they're a trifle rough on the guys they think should be providing you."

"Everybody—including the old grads—smiles amiably and talks 'pull together.' Coach Harry Stiteler gets a \$1,200 pay raise in mid-season. Defeats are accepted with complimentary telegrams instead of the old ominous silence or the rumble of anger and disappointment.

"We said a losing team has done this. The statement is not exactly true. The spirit on that losing team, the coaching behind it and the promise of better days certain to come—and quick—are doing it."

"It's something of a one-season miracle. But it's there. The Aggies are together again. And that means storm warnings up at all the other conference schools."

To which the Battalion has only to add: "Mr. Scherwitz, Amen."

And from another San Antonio source, Dick Peebles, sports editor of the San Antonio Express comes the following bouquet.

"When the Texas Aggies picked themselves off the floor of Memorial Stadium, Thanksgiving Day to battle the highly favored Texas Longhorns to a draw, the 68,000 persons in the concrete horseshoe may have witnessed the dawning of a new golden era in Aggie football. . . . There have been great Aggie teams in the past; teams that won through a rugged season bowling over opponent after opponent.

"But we don't think there was ever an A&M team that had more fighting spirit than the 1948 team. This edition of the Aggies had, if you'll pardon the expression, guts and lots of 'em. And given a break here and a break there, they might have won a game or two. They gave Baylor, SMU, and Texas busy afternoons.

"For the Aggies that one play (Baty's pass to Wright) turned darkness into sunlight. Already, they're thinking about next season. They hit the bottom this year now they're ready to rebound. They are proud of a fine freshmen eleven and of the work that Barlow 'Bones' Irvin did with the Fish.

"Anyhow, that tie with Texas gave the Aggies a new lease on life. It won't be such a long, cold winter."

JAVA COMMUNIST TAKEN

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 1 (AP)—The Indonesian news agency, Antara, reported yesterday the Republican Army had captured Djokosupono, military commander of the Communist forces in Java.

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The College Station Council of Church Women have changed their Thursday radio program time on WTAW from 4:15 to 4:45. Mrs. Dallas Belcher, radio chairman, has announced.

More co-operation between the local churches is the theme on this program, Mrs. Belcher said.

Longhorn Releases Club Pic Schedule

The schedule for club pictures to be taken this week has been released by the editors of the Longhorn. It is as follows:

Wednesday—Tau Beta Pi, 7:30 p. m., Petroleum Lecture Room; Houston County Club, 7:45 p. m., Room 308, Academic Building; Phi Eta Sigma, 8, Physics Lecture Room; Marshall A&M Club, 8:30, lounge of Dorm 10.

Thursday—Bastrop & Lee County Club, 7:30 p. m., regular meeting place; Rio Grande Valley Club, 7:45, YMCA; Galveston Club, 5:30, Agriculture Building steps; Navarro County Club, 8, Room 228, Academic; Heart of Texas Club, 8:15 ME Shops Lecture Room; Montague County Club, 8:30, YMCA; Henderson County Club, 8:45, Room 223, Academic Building; Falls County Club, 9:00, Room 228, Academic Building.

Friday—Petroleum Society, Agriculture Building, 12:30 p. m.

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In addition to having the picture made, there will be a discussion of the national convention.

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The wail of the piccolo and the mournful notes of the base horn provide music for the Elephant Walk which took place on Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving.

Pre-Law Society Will Visit SMU Law School December 9

The Pre-Law Society will meet at 7 tomorrow night, to discuss final plans for a trip to the SMU Law School. The meeting will be held in the Ex-Student Lounge of the YMCA.

Trips to different law schools in the Southwest have been planned by the campus society, Phillip Goode, co-sponsor of the group, said. Although no more than one will be taken in any semester, the plan would enable a student to inspect all of the major law schools within a period of three years while he is at A&M.

Some 25 Aggies are expected to make the trip to Dallas next week, Chuck Cabaniss, society president reported.

The plans for the visit to the law school have been made in cooperation with Dean Robert E. Story of SMU. The A&M students will travel to Dallas on the evening of December 9. Upon arriving at the Hilltop campus, they will be assigned rooms in SMU's men's dormitory if they do not have private accommodations of their own.

After assembling Friday morning at Dallas the Aggies will attend several SMU law classes under the supervision of the law faculty. During the afternoon, the group will participate in a round table discussion with the law faculty. Any questions concerning the SMU Law School will be answered at this session.

Saturday morning the Aggie group will be free to investigate the other facilities of the Dallas campus and will be able to gain information at the numerous school offices concerning other phases of the SMU student life.

Housing quarters will be available for Friday night on the campus as well as for Thursday night.

Arthur Stewart, co-sponsor of the organization, said that Dean M. T. Harrington has been very encouraging towards the group in their planning for this trip. Stewart and Goode plan to make the trip to Dallas with the pre-law students. They said that this and similar activities of the society will help to gain recognition for A&M as a pre-law institution.

Cabaniss explained that all persons who will need SMU-provided sleeping quarters on the trip must bring \$2 to the Thursday meeting. He emphasized that the response to inquiries about persons desiring to make the trip has been enthusiastic. All such persons need to be present Thursday, Cabaniss concluded.

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Academic Bulletin Source of Strange Notions, Comments

By GEORGE CHARLTON

"Are you a speed fan? Do you like to dig out at 80 mph and drive at 115 mph? Buy an 'MG' Rolls-Royce. Just \$2,395," reads one of the numerous cards in the "For Sale" section of the Academic Building bulletin board.

The bulletin board, designed and sponsored by the Student Senate, is divided into six distinct sections, "Rides," "Lost," "Found," "For Sale," "Wanted," and "Miscellaneous."

At one time or another the "Rides" section has featured transportation to nearly any extremity of the continent. At the present time rides are offered to California, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and Juneau, Alaska. Anybody going to Australia, today.

Typifying the A&M traveling spirit, notices have been placed in the same section by Aggies

Melody Maids Schedule Concert Here Saturday

Crops Team Places Third In Contest

The A&M Crops Judging Team placed third in the International Collegiate Crops Judging Contest held in Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 29, and placed fifth in the National Intercollegiate Crops Judging Contest held in Kansas City, Kansas, November 24.

Members of the team were Frank M. Zabeik, Richard P. Bates, John E. Endrizzo, and Willie A. Kelling, alternate. F. G. Colard, agronomy professor, was coach of the 1948 team.

Zabeik won fourth place in total points scored in the Chicago contest. This was the second highest ever achieved by an A&M team member. Coach Colard holds the high point record which he made when a member of the crops team in 1941.

While in Chicago, the team attended the convention of the student section of the American Society of Agronomy, November 27. On November 26, they were guests of the International Harvester Co., and were shown through the tractor division of the company.

Tau Beta Pi Will Meet Tonight

A short meeting of the new and old members of the Tau Beta Pi will be held at 7:15 tonight in the Petroleum Engineering Lecture Room.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a treasurer and a cataloger for the spring semester. Also plans concerning the December 8 initiation ceremonies will be discussed.

Membership certificates will be presented to old members.

During the meeting the picture for the Longhorn will be taken. Corps members are to wear the number one uniform, while non-corps members are requested to wear suits, said Howard R. Oliver, president.



Eloise Milan, director of the Melody Maids from Beaumont.

Feminine Choral Group From Beaumont Has 75 Young Girls

By FRANK WILCH

The Melody Maids of Beaumont, Texas will present a choral program in Guion Hall Saturday evening at 8:15. A second performance will be given at the Annex Student Center at 8:15 the same night.

The group of young girls, whose ages range from 14 to 22, have in 1948 become one of the outstanding entertainment groups in the South. During the past year, their reputation has become nationwide through their appearances on the West Coast, where they were the guests of the International Lions Club convention, and in New York at Madison Square Garden where they entertained another Lions convention.

Their recent itinerary has also included appearances in New Orleans and at the Waukegan Music Festival.

Organized in 1942 by Eloise Rush Milam of Beaumont, the chorus first became known through programs at many military camps in Gulf Coast area, the Orange USO, and the Beaumont Service Men centers, where thousands of GI's were entertained by the beautiful group.

While the Melody Maids were entertaining for every war bond show in Beaumont, the group was growing from 17 members to the present 75, in recognition of their wartime programs, the aggregation received a citation from the Texas Federation of Music Clubs for the exceptional service the Maids rendered the war effort.

Concert programs of the feminine chorus include modern and popular selections as well as their now famous renditions of the traditional Texas songs.

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Munden 'Stood Up' By TU Sweetheart

By LARRY GOODWYN

A&M's Ugly Man was back on the campus today, victim of a last-minute switch in plans in Austin during the holidays that cancelled his proposed date with Ann Tynan, sweetheart of the University of Texas.

Charley Munden, trying to play his part in the "Ugliest-Prettiest" get-together between A&M and Texas ran afoul of an old barrier—the other man. According to plans ironed out between the Battalion and the Daily Texan, Munden was to be the official escort of Miss Tynan at the Turkey Day game. The plan seemed especially workable since the blond beauty's current heartthrob was George McCall, Texas end, who wouldn't be away to take Ann to the game anyway.

Nevertheless, McCall, who apparently agreed to the idea originally, rose up on the eve of the game and called the whole affair off. Whether or not his decision was based on late information he received concerning Munden and his Thanksgiving ambitions, McCall didn't say. Anyway, Ann went to the game thoroughly escorted by fellow occupants of the Forty Acres.

However, Munden was not left out in the cold entirely. Through the efforts of Bill Smith, Aggie ex who is now editor of the Daily Texan, Munden dated the drum major of the Texas band during the game. Apparently, however, the girl was no competition for the game itself—Charley can't remember her name, but he's well acquainted with all the facts concerning how the Aggies scored those two fourth period touchdowns. A true Aggie, no less.

While in Austin after the game, Munden came up with the following explanation, which seems as good as any of why the Memorial Stadium link finally was shattered and the Aggie couldn't win all the time: that the original structure remained intact. But when Texas enlarged the horseshoe this year, the link was a gone goaling. Why? Because the contractor for the job was a gent by name of I. B. Farnsworth, and Mr. Farnsworth happens to be an Aggie ex. He buried the link somewhere down in the new cement—good ole Aggieland cement."

You know, Mr. Munden; you may have something there.

Registration will be held in the YMCA lobby from 8 a. m. until 11 a. m. Monday. Meetings will be held in the YMCA Chapel. Registration fee is \$3 per person.

A banquet will be held Monday night in Sbis Hall. Banquet tickets may be secured at the registration desk in the YMCA for \$2 each.

The short course will end Tuesday afternoon.

The Fort Worth A&M Club will meet tonight at 7:15 in the Lecture Room of the Science Hall. It was announced today by Jim Garrison, president of the club.

The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the recommendations made by the Social Committee as to the place and time for the Christmas Party.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served at the meeting.

Houston County Photo Scheduled

Houston County A&M Club members will meet at 7:30 tonight, Room 308, Academic Building, to have club pictures made for '49 Longhorn. T. J. Morgan, club president, has announced.

Military students should wear uniforms and non-military students should wear ties, Morgan said.

Commentators Can Be Picked Up Today

Students who have not received the November Commentator should present subscription receipts at Room 308, Goodwin Hall, today or tomorrow afternoon between 1 and 5 for their copy.

Many copies were returned by the Post Office due to incorrect address or, in the case of Annex students, a general delivery address. The Bryan Field Post Office does not handle the latter type of third class matter.