

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

No Pumpkins, Please

The Student Senate special investigating committee appointed at Wednesday evening's meeting to investigate the cause for many recent complaints against the Campus Security Office has possibilities—possibilities to be a service or to be a flop.

The committee has the opportunity to do constructive good or either inadvertent or purposeful harm.

The good would be their getting nearer the truth than has yet been achieved. The harm would be their entering into an investigation unfairly prejudiced and allowing the evidence to merely substantiate pre conceived notions.

Undoubtedly there are strong and valid claims for any side of the affair one may choose to take. And Truth can be found in any argument.

However, Truth hovers in greater abundance near one pole and that is what

the committee is seeking to find.

Certainly many people will participate in the hearings, if they are to be fair and representative. Certainly the information will be compiled and made public.

To many of our students, this is not just another committee. They will feel justifiable resentment if the committee fails to perform and produce some results.

This does not come in the form of a challenge or threat to the committeemen, but merely as a reminder:

A&M will be watching your actions. A&M expects action.

And A&M will be severely critical if the elected Senators on the committee fail to perform the task they have voluntarily assumed.

This is no Senate Un-Aggie Affairs Committee. We do not want it to lay a pumpkin.

Democracy In Berlin . . .

This United Press story from Berlin does an excellent job of speaking for itself.

(quote) BERLIN, Jan. 5 —(UP) Harnack House, a fashionable American officers' and civilians' club in Berlin, Wednesday barred enlisted men as guests.

German girls are still accepted.

The decision came after a heated meeting Tuesday night in which an officer-led faction out-voted the civilian group, 135 to 106.

One lieutenant colonel said he was perfectly willing to accept 90 per cent of the enlisted men — it was that other 10 per cent.

"There are 10 per cent of the enlisted men," he said, "who do not know how to behave—we don't want these enlisted barbarians with officers and ladies."

He said he would resign if enlisted guests were admitted.

Civilian spokesmen urged that enlisted men be admitted because it would be diffi-

cult to teach Germans democracy if social prejudices were prominently displayed at the club.

After the vote, one civilian said he assumed GI's would still be allowed to attend Catholic mass on Sundays and movies four times a week in the club auditorium. An irate officer replied, however, that the vote definitely banned soldiers from stepping inside the club. (end quote)

Locally, we'd like to say that A&M has it's two percent, but scarcely ever does our "barbarian class" (as differentiated from the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Classes) reach the ten percent mark.

There are reams and reams of paper we'd like to write on this little gem, but we think the best thing we can offer the Army, and particularly that nice Lieutenant Colonel, is five minutes of our most eloquent silence.

Just don't come too close, Colonel, this silence cloud is radioactive.

The Passing Parade . . .

The following is a wire service description of the surroundings during the president's entry for his State of the Union speech.

(quote) Mr. Truman, wearing an oxford gray suit and striped tie, was greeted by a standing ovation when he entered.

There was applause from time to time throughout the speech.

But Southern Democrats—some of whom had opposed his election—sat silent-

ly as others applauded the president's demand for passage of civil rights legislation.

There was a notable absence of the usual Southern Rebel yells. (end quote)

We hope that the absence of Rebel Yells will continue throughout this session of congress. Maybe if our Rebels will quit yelling and start thinking, they will eventually have less to yell about.

This little inflation note comes from the Prague.

(quote) Czechoslovakia opened a high priced free market today to operate alongside its strictly rationed market. Typical prices in the free market: Men's ties at

\$12, children's overcoats at \$58, women's underpants at \$20 and a skirt at \$78.

At first glance this sort of thing looks pretty rugged, but have you ever been in some of the better Central Texas Men's Furnishings Stores?

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COAL CASH



Westinghouse Claims Coast To Coast Telecasting Is Possible

By RENE J. CAPPON

BALTIMORE, Jan. 7 —(AP)—Coast to Coast television using high flying airplanes now is possible.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation announced today it has solved major technical problems linking airplanes and television for greater broadcasting range.

And, said Westinghouse, the airborne method of telecasting is "ready for commercial development."

It issued a preliminary report on the engineering phases of stratovision, as the system is called, describing it as a "practical and useful method of expanding television and other high frequency communication" such as static-free FM broadcasting.

There are no longer, Westinghouse announced, any "technical restrictions which will prevent the use of stratovision broadcasting" to provide:

1. A coast to coast television and frequency modulation network.

2. Expanded TV coverage for the "millions of rural listeners who will be unable to receive television programs for years, if ever, with conventional television methods."

3. A military communications system independent of ground conditions.

4. A network system for transmitting TV programs simultaneously to audiences assembled in theatres or other public places throughout the country.

The Westinghouse report was

based on three years of test flights aimed at overcoming the natural limitation of television waves by the earth's curvature to about 30 miles on the ground.

Cooperating in the experiments were Westinghouse and the Glenn L. Martin Airplane Manufacturing Company.

Westinghouse vice president Walter Evans said a converted B-29 Superfortress used to relay telecasts from a ground studio "showing successful reception reports from televiewers in an area of about 250 miles about the plane circling at 25,000 feet."

He said commercial development of stratovision now awaits only the "crystallization of public demand for the expanded service, the application by the radio industry to meet this demand, and the clarification of channel facilities available to make possible this application."

Think of This

"God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble" Psalm 46:1.

There is trouble on every hand for everybody everywhere: trouble of all sorts, touching the lives of every person that you know and meet. Here in the Words of God, we find the path of escape from these troubles that face each of us. God will be our strength as he was the strength to David, to Peter, to Paul. To receive the strength of God in our lives, we must do only one thing, and that is "call on His name."

Equipment Arrives To Expand College Phone Exchange

Five hundred lines of dial equipment have been received for installation in the College Station telephone exchange, according to M. C. Atkins, division manager of the Southwestern States Telephone Company.

This equipment along with 700 lines recently received for the Bryan exchange will be installed within three or four months after Automatic Electric Company installers arrive in Bryan, Atkins said.

Cable and other materials needed for outside expansion are expected early in 1949. When this material arrives the telephone company will be able to catch up on the large number of backed-up orders for telephone service in Bryan and College Station, Atkins said.

Trampling Out The Vintage . . .

Solution to Women Drivers; Decorate Cars Distinctively

By FRANK CUSHING

If a female instructor in New York University has her way the menace of the woman driver will be a thing of the past. Obviously after a period of heavy thought, the lady conceived the idea of having "dainty colored" autos for all females. That way, she figures, women will receive a little more common courtesy from male drivers.

As she sums up the situation, "A man will tip his hat, offer a woman a seat and other such courtesies, but once on the highway he becomes a prejudiced and malicious steering tyrant." Once her scheme is placed into operation, she believes things would be much different.

All but color blind men ought to

second that motion in quick order. After all, it would give the male sex a fighting chance to get out of the path of the distinctly painted vehicles.

An Arizona State College student decided to get some facts on people's reactions. Being a psychology major, he is interested in getting facts concerning human behavior in given situations. For those reasons he spent his Christmas vacation hitchhiking from Phoenix, Arizona to Seattle, Washington and back.

The costumes he chose for his trek differed somewhat from the usual. On his way to Seattle he wore a complete Santa Claus outfit. On his return journey he was clothed only in a diaper, oversized, and a silk top hat. He informed people that he represented "Baby 1949."

His case record upon each rider-giver should be interesting, to say the least. One of the better and printable comments was given by a woman. The hardened one declared, "I'm not surprised by anything. My husband took a bubble bath last night." A disillusioning event indeed.

Once again demonstrating how to keep your family happy, a police man in Belvidere, Illinois, arrested his prospective brother-in-law. The cop explained that "He had it coming." It seemed that after the wedding rehearsal, the almost-groom jumped in his car and drove away from the rectory at "a high rate of speed."

The badge-wearer has seen his duty all too often in his family's

opinion. At various times he has arrested his wife, his brother, and an alderman, not to mention the recently pinched brother-in-law.

The judge had a more understanding heart. He let off the offended one as a wedding present.

The police chief in Franklin, Indiana shares his garage with a neighbor. The garage-splitter was held under a charge of stealing \$500 in quarters from a local bank. That wasn't the only surprise the chief received from his neighbor's action. The fellow not only confessed to the robbery but took the law officers to the place where he hid the loot. The officers found half of the money in the chief's section of the garage where the neighbor had hidden it.

A gent in Patterson, New Jersey told arresting police that he had tried to go straight, but circumstances were against him. The not too honest individual claimed that after serving his sentence for committing 30 burglaries, he had resolved to abide by the law.

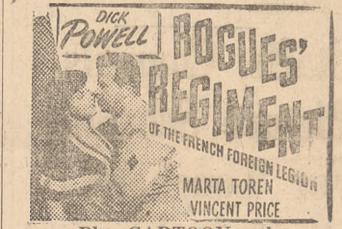
Once outside the prison, he found life dull. There was nothing to do, he had no friends, the fellow related. In desperation from his boring existence he shined up his trusty tools and returned to his old safe-cracking trade.



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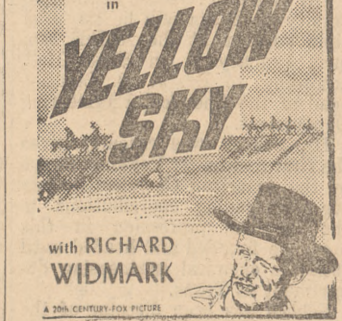


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INDONESIAN PRESIDENT BEING HELD

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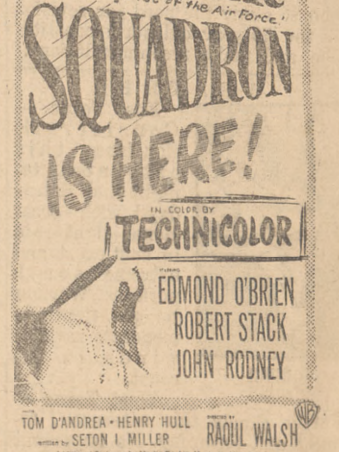


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