

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Does Viewpoint Make Right? . . .

Eight rows of American soldiers, 20 men to a row, stood in a snow covered field near Malmedy, Belgium. For a moment all was quiet but for the distant rumble of a Tiger tank or the drone of a solitary plane. Suddenly machine guns chattered, stopped, chattered three minutes more. Then single pistol shots thumped the air that blew hard and cold.

On the ground one hundred and sixty lifeless American bodies failed to cover puddles of blood that flowed warm and melted the snow it touched.

This was the Malmedy Massacre. This was Germany's last bid to win a war she was losing. It was a reckless, fantastic bid, and human life whether German or foe mattered nothing.

After V-E Day, after the bid failed, the German commanders in charge of the Malmedy Massacre were found. Confessions were obtained, trials held, and the commanders given death. It all was very legal.

It was all very legal if the confessions had been obtained without any coercing or any third degree. But Defence attorney, Meade Everett Jr. submitted a report on the case that has caused quite a stir in legal circles and has given Americans something to think about.

The report charges that U. S. prosecution teams "had kept the German defendants in dark, solitary confinement at near starvation rations up to six months; had applied various forms of torture, including the driving of burning matches under the prisoners' finger nails; had administered beatings which resulted in broken jaws and arms and permanently injured testicles."

False confessions were obtained Meade

It Was A Majority Change . . .

Tuesday night marked the completion of the election to determine the name of the A&M yearbook. Victorious in the student balloting was AggieLand 1949.

There have been many comments and protests from backers of the former title, The Longhorn. Although the election may not have been conducted in the manner some of them desired, it was an election which required a majority action for a final decision.

At the time the Student Life Committee prepared the resolution under which the polling was conducted, it was felt that the plan adopted was the fairest method available for deciding the question about the annual name.

Probably superceding the decision on the new name in importance was the continued student participation in the extended election.

The Passing Parade . . .

From Lubbock comes this squib.

Texas Tech will be host to the Sixth Annual Band Clinic for area high school and college bands Friday and Saturday.

D. O. Wiley, Tech band director, said more than 600 individual reservations have been made. Participants are expected

charges, in mock trials in which "the . . . plaintiff would see before him a long table . . . with candles burning at both ends . . . and a crucifix in the center . . . (The Germans) were informed or led to believe that they were being tried by Americans for violations of International law. At the other end of the table would be the prosecutor, who would read the charges, yell and scream at these 18- and 20-year-old plaintiffs and attempt to force confessions from them . . ."

Meade's report was not issued in defense of the Germans. Rather it was a commentary on the procedure that American military men used to gain confessions. It might be well for idealistic Americans who do not think that we are capable of committing atrocities to ponder this instance of American brutality.

During the war Allied prisoners were not the only ones shot down behind the front lines. It is a publicized fact that for a long while, Japanese prisoners were not taken. Few combat soldiers of the European war will deny first hand knowledge of German prisoners being shot.

At the Litchfield, England a stockade was maintained to handle American soldiers who had broken some military rule. An investigation after the European victory disclosed that American internees were beaten by their American guards.

Justice is a difficult word to define. It becomes more difficult when the mirage has been discovered that we, as self acclaimed protectors of justice, participate in acts that possess the stench of brutality and injustice.

The American would do well to look within his own mind and survey the monster that lurks there. Then he can condemn more righteously the unjust acts of others.

Using an approximate figure of 8200 for the total enrollment at A&M, we find that 51 per cent of the student body participated in the entire election. In the first balloting 52 per cent of the students made selections.

The first run-off saw the percentage of participants fall to 50 per cent, but this was the result of no polling taking place in two dormitories. The second run-off resulted in 52 per cent of the students again casting their ballots.

The consistency of the participating percentage would seem to mean that students who had an active interest in the choosing of the name were conscientious in their ballot-casting.

Congratulations are due for half of the students. We now hope that the other half of the student body will also take part in the next student election.

ted from as far west as Cisco and west through eastern New Mexico, and north from Dalhart to Fort Stockton south. Said one irate member of the Cavalry troops, "You can bet that fightin' Texas Aggie band ain't agonna go. Any body that saw a football game this year knows they ain't sick!"

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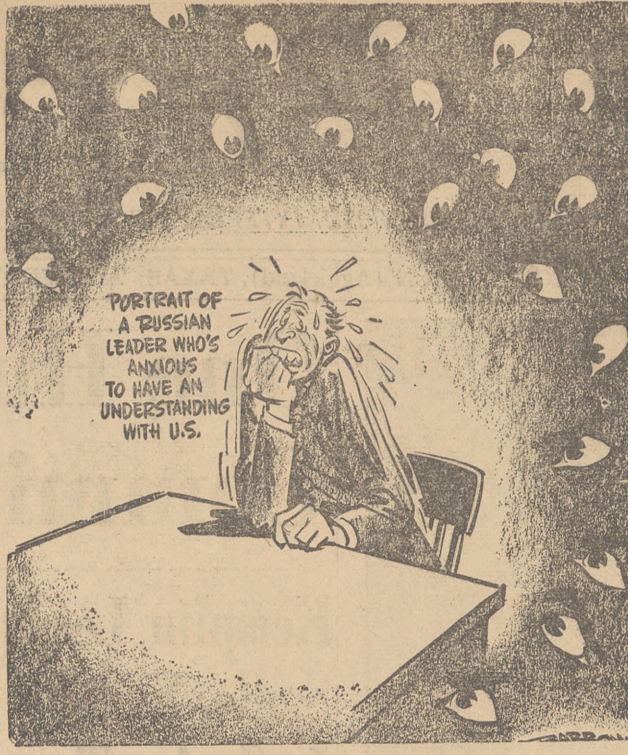
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NOW HE'S JUST ANXIOUS, PERIOD.



Letters To The Editor

WANTS YEARBOOK RUN-OFF

Editors, The Battalion: Tuesday night the run-off election on the annual name was held. There were only two names on the ballot: AggieLand 1949 and Final Review.

When the first election was held, there was a great deal of talk about being sure that the final choice represented the choice of the student body. Yet in the first election, it was The Longhorn against the field.

The choice, as it actually turned out, was whether the student wanted The Longhorn or any (repeat, any) other name. As a result, we are now stuck with AggieLand 1949, a prime bit of insipidity.

The Longhorn received 233 votes, write in, in the Tuesday night election. Since there was no organized write-in campaign, this many votes indicates something less than complete satisfaction with the choice offered.

It seems to me that the Student Life Committee could serve the interest of fairness by arranging a run-off election between The Longhorn and AggieLand 1949.

Harvey Cherry

FLAG DETAIL LAST WEEK

Editors, The Battalion:

Yes, Bill Billingsley did "stick his neck out" when he wrote of a "rain soaked, moon drenched flag" in front of the Academic Building. I don't know how long it took the unobservant Mr. Billingsley to write his unwarranted criticism, but it must have taken him at least a week because my sophomore buddies and I have been responsible for getting the flag up and down on time for the last seven days, and we were not late once!

Just so no one will get the wrong idea about Mr. Billingsley's comment that "we treat our flag like a neglected bed sheet on a laundry rack," I suggest you let the readers of The Battalion know that our nation's flag is being treated with all due respect.

J. D. Hinton

Class of '51 (Editor's Note: Billingsley tells us that he was not using this past week as a basis for his article about the flag. We can assure you that the subjects were selected about two weeks ago, and Billingsley selected the subject, "Mistreatment of the Flag," at that time. It is a confirmed fact that the flag has been left up the entire night several times this semester. Secondly, the flag has been left up many times until 8, 9, and 10 p. m.)

Official Notices

Agricultural School

All agricultural students who had completed 64 hours or more of work at the beginning of the current semester must have their degree plans completed before registration. Assignment cards will not be approved at registration unless accompanied by the student's copy of his degree plan. Students who have not completed these plans should contact the head of their major department immediately.

CHAS. N. SHEPARDSON, Dean of Agriculture

WEARS OUT 2 RINGS

Editors, The Battalion: After seven long, womanless years of blood, sweat, and beer, old "Landmark" Sutherland is graduating.

If you have a drinking tapeworm a normal amount of male hormones and an ever-dwindling grade point ratio—fear not, under-graduate, I weathered it! That should be incentive per se.

But here's hoping you better luck than I had—the only man in A&M history to wear out two Aggie rings before he graduates.

Jerry Sutherland

Class of '46 (Editors' Note: We appreciate these words of wisdom from Jerry. Since the price of the Aggie rings is exorbitant, we are glad for Jerry that he is graduating.)

Industry Follows Cattle, Farming Moses Tells Class

Cattle raising, farming and industry attack the frontiers in that order, Tad Moses of the Texas Experiment Station Publications, told students enrolled in livestock marketing Tuesday.

Moses told of trail herd days, and of Shanghai Pierce, Charles Goodnight, and many other colorful cattlemen in relating the growth of the cattle industry in Texas. According to Moses, it takes about \$150,000 to buy a ranch and livestock. He said that cattle raising is a credit proposition. Many ranchers borrow each year to meet current expenses.

Moses said the movement of livestock back into east Texas is an indication that Texas will continue to be a ranching state.

A&M Veterinarians Attend VMA Meet

Seven members of the staff of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery are participating in the scientific part of the program at the annual meeting of the State Veterinary Medical Association being held in Fort Worth. Attending are Dr. H. Schmidt, Dr. R. C. Dunn, Dr. R. D. Turk, Dr. V. B. Robinson, Dr. W. C. Banks, Dr. W. A. Boney and Dr. A. A. Lerner.

Think of This

"Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." Luke 19:5b. Following the statement in this verse, Jesus went home as the guest of Zacchaeus. It was a terribly dangerous thing the host did that day—admitting Jesus to his home. In that moment he revolutionized his home and his life. Before the steady gaze of Jesus he became unbearably conscious of his sins, confessed them, and set forth to right all the wrong he had done. No man dares accept Jesus as the Christ flippantly. It is far too dangerous.

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Sticking My Neck Out . . .

No Deans Serve On Panel; Members Not Pre-Informed

By TOM CARTER

Last Friday's issue of the Battalion carried a letter from William M. Menger which stated, "Normal thinking leads me to believe that a dean in college is supposed to be more or less a helper, advisor, and foster father to the students. Why are our deans the men on this Faculty Panel?"

In order to clear up these points for Menger and inform the student body, an interview was held with Dean M. T. Harrington, acting dean of the College, and who is the person who draws names of faculty members and chooses the dean to sit at the head of the panel.

Dean Harrington said that the deans of the college have not served as members of a discipline panel since September, 1945. The panel consists of five faculty members, whose names are drawn from a list of approximately 75 faculty members having academic rank not below that of an associate professor.

He continued by saying, that the members of the panel are not familiar with any details of the case

until they are presented at the hearing. One of the deans presides and conducts the hearing.

Until September, 1947, the Dean of the College presided in all cases, and since that date the other deans of the college, with the exception of the Dean of Men, the Dean of the Graduate School and the PMS&T, have rotated in serving in this capacity. The dean who presides does not have a vote, and any assessment must be approved by four of the five panel members.

The panel decides if the student is guilty or not and also recommends the type of sentence.

Menger also stated, "The attitude of students is that, right or wrong, they are sure of a stiff penalty anytime they go on the panel." When queried about this, Dean Harrington said that the only cases ever sent to a Faculty Panel are those which, according to college regulations, are offenses for which a student may be dismissed from college. An average of less than one-third of the cases heard by a Faculty Panel have resulted in the student being dismissed or suspended. The majority of

cases have resulted in the student being campused or placed on conduct probation or both.

Violations of the college regulations which do not call for dismissal or suspension from the college are handled by the office of the Dean of Men, The Commandant, and Senior Court.

It is hoped that the above few facts clear up some hazy points. Just in case some of us are still in doubt about just what goes on in Faculty Panel, an attempt will be made to depict a typical case from its beginning to its end.

The first step is the reading of the charges by the dean in charge of the panel. After the reading, the accused states if they are correct or not, and also explains any special circumstances which may pertain to them that are not known by members of the panel.

The head of the panel then questions the accused regarding the "Action" with which he is charged. Members of the panel are also permitted to ask questions.

After these questions have been answered, the accused may present any evidence he wishes or may have anyone testify in his behalf. A faculty advisor usually testifies as to his character.

When this period of "Question and answer and testifying" is over, all persons leave the room except the members of the panel.

Panel members then talk over the evidence presented and vote whether the accused is "guilty or not guilty." If he is not guilty the case is dismissed, but if he is guilty, they decide on a sentence.

After discussing what they think the sentence should be, some member proposes one and the panel votes. If four of the five members concur, then the sentence is approved. However, four out of five panel members must continue their discussion until a suitable sentence is found. Usually three or four sentences are proposed before a suitable one is found.

The finding of the panel is then sent to the Dean of the College who must approve it. In case the Dean of the College, who at this time is also Dean of Arts and Sciences, is sitting at the head of the panel, the case must be approved by the President of the College. The student is then notified and the disciplinary measures are enforced.

US Loans Israeli \$100 Million; Recognition Expected Soon

By JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Full American diplomatic recognition of Israel appears certain sometime next week as a follow-up to a \$100,000,000 loan to the new Jewish nation.

The American government took a big step toward this objective yesterday by granting the loan to the provisional Israeli government—\$35,000,000 immediately and \$65,000,000 more during the year.

President Truman last May 14—a few minutes after the new state was proclaimed—recognized it as a "de facto" government, meaning that the United States regards it as in fact the ruling authority there. Last Oct. 24 he announced he had ordered quick handling of loan applications from Israel. Full recognition is called "de jure."

The loan approval makes American money available to develop Israel's agriculture and industry. Also, coming six days before elections are held in the

Jewish state, it reflects United States confidence in Israel's future.

Government officials told a reporter that barring an election upset the state department will extend full diplomatic recognition to Israel shortly after the January 25 elections.

Only a totally unexpected victory by the Communists or extreme left wing socialists could cause the state department to stop or delay its plans to broaden the limited "de facto" recognition.

The present conservative socialist party headed by David Ben Gurion is heavily favored to win a majority of the 120 seats in the Israeli parliament.

The \$35,000,000 is to be used immediately to buy tractors, plows and other equipment needed to step up the output of Israeli farms. This increased food yield is required to feed the growing number of immigrants.

The remaining \$65,000,000 will be given the Israelis after they submit specific projects calling for American financing.

Electronics Posts Open at Air Base

Positions at Griffis Air Force Base, Rome, New York, are now available to electronic and mechanical engineers with a background in electronics, Paul H. Figg, regional director, announced today.

This comes as a result of the consolidation of the Air Material Command's electronics and research development activities, Figg added. Salaries range from \$2974 to \$6235 a year.

Those interested may secure application Form 57 from any civil service office and send it to headquarters, Griffis Air Force Base, Rome, New York, Figg added.

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