

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

The Case for Battalion Relief . . .

The Battalion has reached the chronological peak of the 1948-49 school year and has started down the home stretch.

At first thought some readers might believe that we editors would use the first semester to get acquainted with the many problems and duties of publishing a paper and use the second semester to orient the oncoming editors.

But we do not fit into this pattern. We constantly work to improve our newspaper from our readers' point of view. We constantly strive for better features, pertinent editorials, complete news coverage, and better circulation.

The features, editorials, and circulation angles are matters which are handled in and from our office, but we need our readers' help in order for us to give

more complete news coverage.

Our readers can give us news leads in several ways—by telephone calls, by letter, or by coming by The Battalion office and telling the Managing Editor.

Every club, every department, and every course on the campus are potential sources of news. We play no favorites with departments, schools, faculty, or students in our search for news; news is news regardless of who makes it.

We repeat, we do need help in order to give more complete news coverage.

Our telephone number is 4-5444 our mailing address is the Faculty Exchange, and our office hours are from 1 to 6 every afternoon except Saturday. Give us a ring; drop us a card, or pay us a visit. Aid in our drive to give complete news coverage.

Fifteen Rounds to a Decision . . .

Little newspapers whose circulation is secure (i.e. The Battalion) can sit back and watch the metropolitan giants have a knock down, drag out circulation battle.

The wartime shortages that so long stymied large newspapers' ambitions to grow even larger have about faded from significance. Creeping into sight are the advanced signs of a titanic struggle between Texas metropolitan newspapers. Trimmed to fighting condition by huge expansion costs, and goaded by the desire to become Texas' biggest, two Houston papers, one from Dallas, and one from Fort Worth have thrown their gloves upon the table and indicated they would fight.

With a spanking new six million dollar plant the Dallas Morning News is biting its nails to start a skirmish. Not to be caught flatfooted the Fort Worth Star Telegram is hastening completion of a large annex to their main printing plant. The Houston Chronicle has recently brushed up their production lines with expensive repairs.

What will this mean to the readers whose favor is being solicited to subscribe. It will mean a dressed-up paper with colored pictures and color adds. It will

mean better and more thorough coverage of news wherever it happens. It will mean hot competition! American style will be thrust before every Texan's eyes.

The metropolitan paper of next year, or the city daily of even this summer will have broad reader appeal interesting the rancher of West Texas as much as the cotton farmer in Central Texas or the oil-field roughneck in East Texas.

Small hometown papers need not hold too deep a concern for this war of giants. People in the circulation sheds of small papers want local news as much as they want the news covered by big city papers. The metropolitan paper will supplement the local daily and vice versa. Home folks won't mind the local sheet not being able to afford color, they will get color in their city dailies, they will find color in local news about people they know.

While the titanic struggle is going on between the giants, little newspapers whose circulation is secure will prosper.

And as in any tournament where the fights are bigger and better, the reader in the audience will profit in enjoyment with each round.

Well, to Be Sure Naugh . . .

All day long we have been kicking dirt on things orange. Some people have assumed that we have an overdose of the spirit. This is not so.

Our orange-ophobia is 200 years older than any orange in Texas which has orange color for its color.

We have nothing personally against William of Orange, but his treatment of the auld sod made the color orange more hateful to the Irish than red to a bull.

That's where we got the idea about kicking dirt this morning.

We turned out this morning in our green shirts, chartruse trousers, and emerald suede shoes, whistled "Come Back to Erin" on the way to class, answered questions with a progue, and ate nothing but potatoes for lunch.

For us it has been just an ordinary St. Patrick's Day. For our fellow-Irish-

men in Houston, Glen McCarthy, the day has been considerably brighter.

Glen's new hotel, The Shamrock, opened today, and with a resounding bang. Ever the one to do things in the grand manner, Glen has 1,100 rooms of green tinted hotel which threw out the welcome mat (green, no doubt) intentionally on this date. It will be much the luckier for its March 17 commencement.

And it will need all the luck it can muster if prices continue in keeping with the grand opening reservation prices. Only drunken sailors can afford \$42 for a single meal—that's what the opening night dinner costs.

Tomorrow we go back into our customary khaki and we can dislike orange for other reasons. But today it was for Erin's sake. Erin mavourneen, Erin go braugh!

The Battalion

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FORGOT TO "STEP-UP"



Colors, Military Units Will Be Changed After Red Revolution

by comrade trail

(Editor's note: In its continued effort to present all sides of the political situation, The Battalion has secured the services of Comrade Trail to give his views of the Communist Party and to show the possibilities the party has for the America of tomorrow. The reader will notice that Comrade Trail's party conviction runs so deep that he even refuses to use capitals in his article.)

In the face of the effective capitalistic propaganda here in the United States, it is hard for the peasant to realize what the communists can do for him. I shall attempt to point out what we have to offer the slaves of capitalism with special adaptations for the a&m student body.

First, why must the wealth of the country be so distributed that while peasants are on foot, the capitalists can ride in Cadillac and Lincoln? We will all walk! second, under the new regime, a good five-cent cigar will reappear on the market, my critics will come back with "where will one get the five cents?" and while I cannot answer that question right now, I can assure them that the politburo is diligently working out the details.

Of interest to the students of a&m is the communists' plan for the American colleges and universities, after the coming revolution, there will be a drastic change in the administration of academic life. present plans call for the taking over of the battalion by the soviet

press, under moscow direction the batt would carry no advertising, and would devote all its space to the glory of a&m. all schools in the state backed by the capitalists would be closed leaving a&m sole member of the southwest conference, hence, a&m would be undisputed champion in all the fields of sports.

while many of the traditions of a&m would have to be changed, the school colors, maroon and white, would remain essentially the same, however, the maroon would probably have to be bleached slightly to a dark red. the military units in the rote would be consolidated into one big cavalry unit, getting its orders from the head of the great russian consacks, boots would, of course, be worn by everyone, and they would be of a brilliant black rather than a drab tan.

in the future, north gate merchants will not be allowed to greet their customers with that famous phrase of the imperialist roosevelt that is, "my friend," but, instead, it would be changed to "comrade."

let me leave this last word with the students who are planning the coming revolt: don't be taken in by spies and agents placed here by the capitalists, these saboteurs will try to pass themselves off as communists by either changing their names or attaching an appropriate nickname.

one example of such a nickname is "pinkie," o, well, even the communists must have their ups and downs!

Portugal Will Probably Join Atlantic Security Pact Soon

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—Diplomatic authorities predicted today that Portugal probably will join the proposed Atlantic Security Pact despite Portuguese objections to Spain's "exclusion" and other matters. A Portuguese embassy statement last night made clear that the Lisbon government has not yet reached a final decision and that questions about the treaty are still being asked of the American government.

Portugal's chief objection appeared to be its expressed determination not to make any treaty commitment which would compel it to grant peace-time bases to a foreign power in the Azores Islands.

It was learned, however, that the State Department is assuring the Portuguese government that the treaty would carry no commitment to grant bases and that the other member powers in the alliance would have no authority to decide that issue for Portugal. The position of the United States

and other pact countries on this point—as previously expressed also to Iceland and Denmark—is that the treaty will provide a "framework" in which the base issue can eventually be worked out.

With respect to Spain, the Portuguese statement said that country's "exclusion" could "only weaken the role" of the Iberian peninsula in the Atlantic defense system.

Optimism among treaty negotiators here as to Portugal's eventually lining up with the other Atlantic powers rested on two things. First, there was the ready reassurance to Portugal about bases. Second, there was the declaration in the embassy statement that "the Portuguese government was one of the first governments to express satisfaction on the idea of a pact of the Atlantic nations."

Portugal with the Azores, the island republic of Iceland and Denmark with Greenland all control highly strategic positions in the North Atlantic. Iceland and Denmark have both raised the question whether they would be compelled by the treaty to grant peace-time bases to the United States. They have been assured that they would not be.

Think Of This

"What is man?" Psalms 8:4
I could never accept the idea that man is merely a hunk of protoplasm which is driven by a sex urge. That is perhaps only the thing that man is able to see as he looks at other men through human eyes. We do not look at the shell of a peanut and then throw it away thinking that the whole thing is exactly like the surface. Instead, we break it open, clean away the waste and then use the good part. That is the thing that God does when he begins to work on a man. He goes deeper than man can see and then cleans away the fifth and uses the best there is. In looking at others, as well as ourselves, let us try to find and use the best part rather than harping so much on the bad.

ANNUAL SESSION AMENDMENT PASSES
AUSTIN, March 16 (AP)—A proposed constitutional amendment that would result in annual sessions of the legislature was approved by the House Tuesday.

TONITE and FRIDAY FIRST SHOW 7 P.M.
SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE
"Once a College Man . . . But Now . . ."
SAVAGE CUNNING KEPT HIM ALIVE!
He Walked By Night
FROM THE HOMICIDE FILES OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE!
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Song of Love
A CLARENCE BROWN PRODUCTION
with LEO G. CARROLL - HENRY DANIELL
HENRY STEPHENSON
Plus LATEST NEWS

Job Calls

INTERVIEWS

(1) March 21-22—Carbide and Carbon Chemical Company, Texas City, Texas, will interview chemical and mechanical engineers and chemists. General meeting at 8:00 a. m., March 21 in the Y Chapel. Positions open only outside of Texas.

(2) March 23 and 24—Atlantic Refining Company, Dallas, Texas, will interview mechanical, petroleum and chemical engineers with B grade average, and geologist with Master's degree.

(3) March 24—Ernst & Ernst, Houston, Texas, will interview accountants for positions as junior accountants.

ENGINEERING

(1) Oscar Quisile, of Fort Worth, Texas, has openings for men in estimating and quantity survey work.
(2) Meier Electric and Machine Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, has a position open in their Engineering Department for a man interested in research on ventilating equipment.

(3) The City of Fort Worth, Texas, has an opening for a man to work as assistant traffic engineer.

AGRICULTURE

(1) There are openings for two men available with W. J. Lawther Feed Mills, Dallas, Texas. These men should know something about feeds and feeding, and be interested in sales work.
(2) Lamar Public School, Lamar, Colorado, has an opening for an agriculture teacher. Modern equipment and facilities are available.

WTAW Schedules 'Editor Speaks' At New Time Friday

"The Editor Speaks" tri-monthly presentation of Student Publications, will be aired at a new time beginning this week. The show will be broadcast at 5:15 on WTAW tomorrow and each succeeding Friday afternoon for which it is scheduled.

The present series of programs is being presented by The Battalion. These fifteen minute broadcasts, designed to acquaint Battalion readers with the way in which different departments of their school newspaper function, dramatize incidents incurred in producing each day's paper. Last week's program, "Y Batta Pi," concerned the events of the day that the Battalion failed to appear because of an automobile accident. Tomorrow's show, the second program of this series, will take the listener into the exchange department of The Battalion where Dave Coslett and David Haines will compare notes on interesting and unusual stories appearing in the more than 150 college and city newspapers received by Exchange Editor Chuck Mabel each day. Haines and Coslett are both writers on the Battalion feature staff.

CATHOLIC MASS
Friday
6:45 a.m.
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL

Quinn Hall
THURS. & FRI.

One man wrote love songs for her . . . the other kissed her in his dreams!

KATHARINE HEPBURN PAUL HENREID
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(3) James V. Curlette, of San Antonio, Texas, has a farm in Hays County and is interested in working out an agreement with an agriculture major for the development of this property. There are 330 acres in the farm and it is adaptable for stock farming.
(4) Ralston Purina Company is looking for a man to represent their company in Puerto Rico, Venezuela and Cuba. Man should speak Spanish fluently, be in the neighborhood of 27 to 28 years of age and be willing to live in Puerto Rico.

LIBERAL ARTS

(1) There are teaching positions open in U. S. sponsored schools in Latin America for men trained in Education and Psychology, English, math, biology, history, and geography.
(2) The Travelers (insurance company) are interested in securing the services of several men between the ages of 35 to 38 who possess administrative and sales abilities. Men employed will be trained by the company.

Letters

NO SUMMER SCHOOL?
Editor, The Battalion: I am one of the many students who have planned schedules and finances in hopes for a degree during the summer of 1950, but now I hear rumors that there will be no more summer school after this year, except in a very few special courses. Will you please add a little light to the subject.

H. G. STRICKLAND '50
Editor's Note: We phoned the Registrar and the Dean of the College and it was all news to them. They said that as far as they knew there would always be a summer school here. The Registrar's Office also said that their catalogues had to be ready a year in advance and as far as they knew there would be a summer school in 1950.

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Starts MONDAY

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SUMMER JOBS
(1) United Fruit Company will again have opportunities for sophomore or junior students for summer work in South America. Can use 2 civil engineers, and 6 agricultural graduates.
(2) Texas Power & Light Company has openings for two junior mechanical engineers for summer work at Trinidad, Texas.

Campus

TODAY & FRIDAY
FIRST RUN
Features Start Today—
1:30 - 3:45 - 5:00 - 6:45
8:35 - 10:00
Features Start Friday—
1:50 - 3:45 - 5:40 - 7:35 - 9:30

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"Dangerous Dan McFoo"