

Battalion Editorials

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From Foreign Lands, An Aggie to Report . . .

Next fall campus clubs and organizations will have the opportunity to hear first hand accounts of European life as seen by an A&M student this summer.

This service to the clubs and the College will be rendered by the Aggie selected to make a summer tour in Europe. This tour would be paid for in part (\$400) by the College. The student will be expected to speak to local groups and also write articles for the Battalion subjects of interest.

The action of the Student Life Committee in approving this expenditure shows a forward attitude in thinking here at A&M. The committee felt the information that such a student could give the student body through his talks and articles would be worth the amount of college subsidy.

Interest here in foreign affairs, though not as active as we would like to see, is rather strong among many students. We feel that this subsidized tour (which, if successful this year, will probably be

come an annual award) will encourage more students to become interested in and concerned with the world beyond our national borders.

Whoever is selected to make the initial tour in this new and progressive endeavor of the college will have the fate of future tours linked with the success of his reports to groups here through his talks and articles. Failure to measure up to the expectations of the groups he will speak to, or write for, will seriously jeopardize future tours subsidized by the college.

From European scenes an Aggie will report life and conditions as he sees them in countries he visits. While noting for us things of interest, he is also our ambassador telling interested and curious Europeans about these United States, and the state of Texas.

He may even persuade several Europeans that western movies have exaggerated life in Texas a little. And that our lives are not directly proportional to the accuracy of Indian arrows.

Where Are the Boundries of Free Speech? . . .

A Supreme Court decision, handed down Monday is causing people all over the country to wonder where freedom of speech ends and other people's rights begin.

The decision involved a speech, made by a once-suspended Alabama priest named Arthur Terminiello, which virtually incited a riot at a Chicago meeting in 1946.

At the time of the speech Terminiello was under suspension from his duties as a clergyman for political activity. His speech was under the auspices of the "Christian Veterans of America" and the meeting was called by Gerald L. K. Smith, who formerly teamed with the late Huey P. Long of Louisiana.

Terminiello's speech blasted the new deal and Jews, called Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt a Communist and applied such terms as "slimy scum" and "bedbugs" to his hecklers.

Five Supreme Court justices — enough for majority of the tribunal — say you can't convict him of disorderly conduct simply because his speech stirs people to anger, invites public dispute or brings about public unrest.

Such a conviction, the five said in a brief opinion written by Justice Douglas, violates the constitution's free speech guarantee.

Justice Jackson took up the fight on behalf of the city with a dissenting opinion.

The Passing Parade . . .

This portion of a movie column caught our eye last week. (AP quote).

H. L. Mencken, who has said harsh words about movies in his long career in American letters, has become a film fan. But he still dislikes 'em.

Recently variety noted that the famed

Jackson said a "drive by totalitarian groups to undermine the prestige and the effectiveness of local Democratic governments is advanced whenever either of them can win from this court a ruling which paralyzes the power of the officials. This is such a case."

Justice Douglas in speaking for himself and for Justices Reed, Black, Murphy and Rutledge said that the function of free speech is to invite dispute.

"It may indeed best serve its high purpose," Douglas asserted, "when it induces a condition of unrest, creates dissatisfaction with conditions as they are, or even stirs people to anger."

With this particular case fresh in mind, we agree reluctantly with the majority opinion. Within a year's time, this incident, which so disgusts us now, will be forgotten. But our precious and jealously guarded freedom of speech will still be with us.

It all reminds us of a story told about Groucho Marx. Groucho met an acquaintance for whom he entertained a healthy dislike.

"I never forget a face," Groucho said, bristling, "but in your case I'm willing to make an exception."

We can never forget our principles of freedom of speech. But in Terminiello's case, we'd like to make an exception.

Baltimore writer sought movies as entertainment during his illness.

Mencken believes when he recovers he will see an average of three films a year. (end quote).

And unless Hollywood improves over some of their latest epics, those three will put him right back into bed again.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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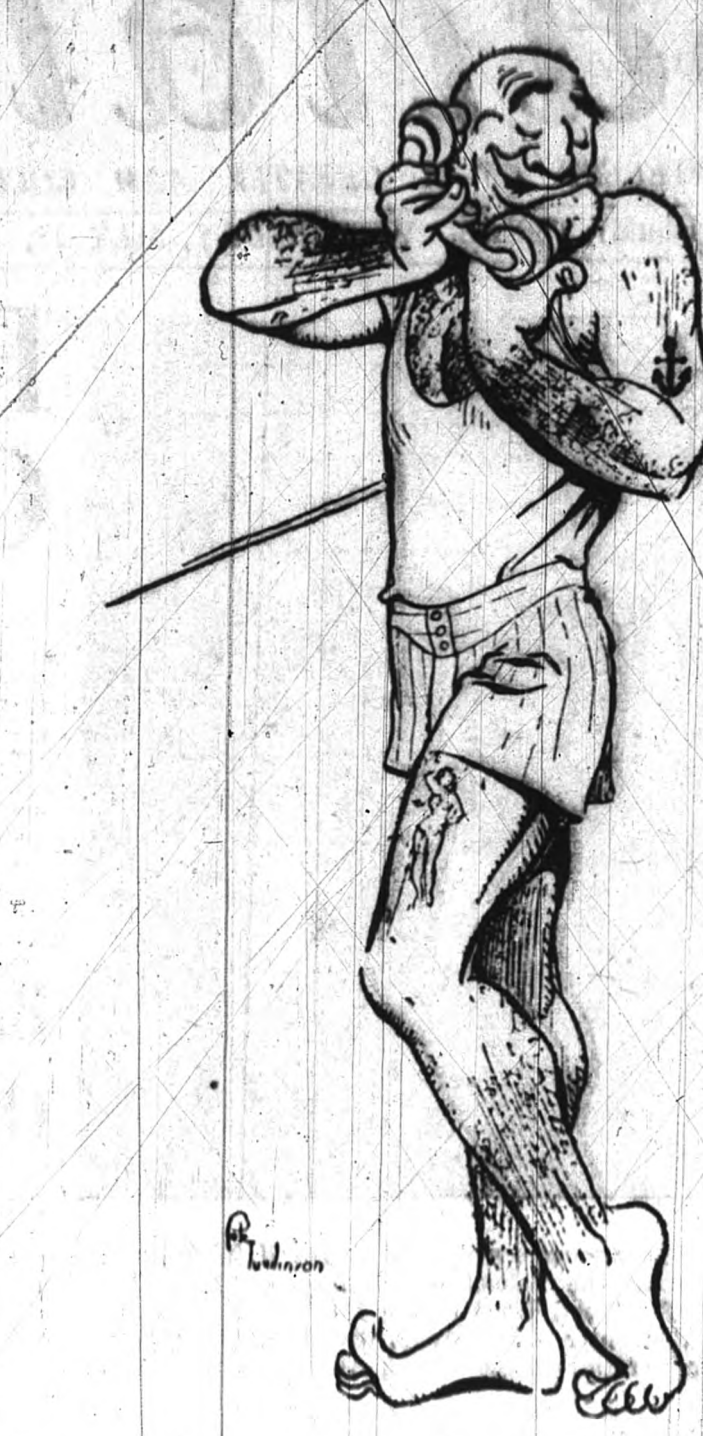
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"Coitney I can come up during dead week, Misgatroyd. I only got three letter quizzes and two toln reports to cramp me style!"

Letters To The Editor

RETURN THE LIGHTER

Editor, The Battalion: Are all of the freshmen residing at the Annex as dishonest and petty as one of the five I chanced to come in contact with Sunday night? Or have I been deceived by actions of one childish soul?

As the case stands, late Sunday evening on my way back to Austin after a very pleasant stay at College Station, I picked up five Fish in Bryan and carried them out to the Annex. Shortly after letting the men out, I discovered that my cigarette case which was lying on the back seat was gone.

Now honestly I believed that it had merely been lost under the seat, but upon arrival in Austin and after a very thorough search, no cigarette case. Now surely, my being a student at the University of Texas, "Gasipper" if you so desire, didn't warrant such drastic action.

If that wasn't the reason, if the one of you who took the case will look closely you will find that the case isn't silver as you no doubt thought back there in the dark,

Sneak Preview . . .

'Embraceable You' Off Beaten Track, But Still Ends Happily

By ANDY DAVIS Embraceable You (Warner Bros.) starring Dane Clark, and Geraldine Brooks. (Quion)

Off the beaten track from most films of the day, "Embraceable You," is the story of a boy and a girl, whose fleeting romance is doomed by the evil which brought them together.

Dane Clark, driving a get-away car for a gangster, becomes involved in a hit-and-run incident, in which Geraldine Brooks is fatally injured. Pretending to be her brother's friend, Clark visits Miss Brooks at the hospital. She appears perfectly well, but the doctors inform him, that her days are numbered.

Wallace Ford, the detective, spots Clark as the hit-and-run driver, and forces him to do all in

Lockheed Builds New "Heavy" Jet Fighter

BURBANK, Calif. May 18 (AP) — Details of a long-range, heavy-weight jet fighter, designed to fly and fight deep in enemy territory, were announced today by the U. S. Air Force and Lockheed Aircraft Corp. The needle-nosed craft, designated the F-90, made its first taxi runs at 90 miles an hour today on the 6,000 foot Lockheed runway. The plane will be shipped later to the Air Force test base at Muroc, Calif., for the first test flight.

Official Notice

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE Some of our students are making plans to attend the 1949 Summer Session in some other college or university. Such students should check with the Registrar's Office to make sure that work completed elsewhere is acceptable in transfer to A&M. Courses will not be accepted in transfer for degree credit unless they are (a) substantially equivalent in character and extent, (b) normally offered at the same level, and (c) with essentially the same prerequisites as similar courses offered at this college. Students who fail a course in any subject and subsequently take such course or subsequent courses in the same subject at another college may be required to pass validating examinations in such course or courses before they will be accepted for transfer toward degree requirements.

H. L. HEATON Registrar

Boyle's Column . . .

Holland Tunnel Explosion Gives City a Taste of War

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, May 18 (AP) — The explosion of a chemical-laden truck in the Holland tunnel gave America a needed peacetime lesson of what could happen in war.

It was a small-scale example of how vulnerable a great city is today. The Holland Tunnel runs beneath the Hudson River and joins Manhattan and Jersey City. It has twin tubes, each more than 9,000 feet long.

The accidental blast tied up traffic in the west-bound tube a few hours, halted traffic in the east bound tube more than two days.

It interrupted news, television, telephone and wirephoto circuits. But what would happen if a band of desperate, highly trained men made a determined attempt to knock out New York City? This thought keeps police officials nervous about the activities of political groups who believe in changing governments by force.

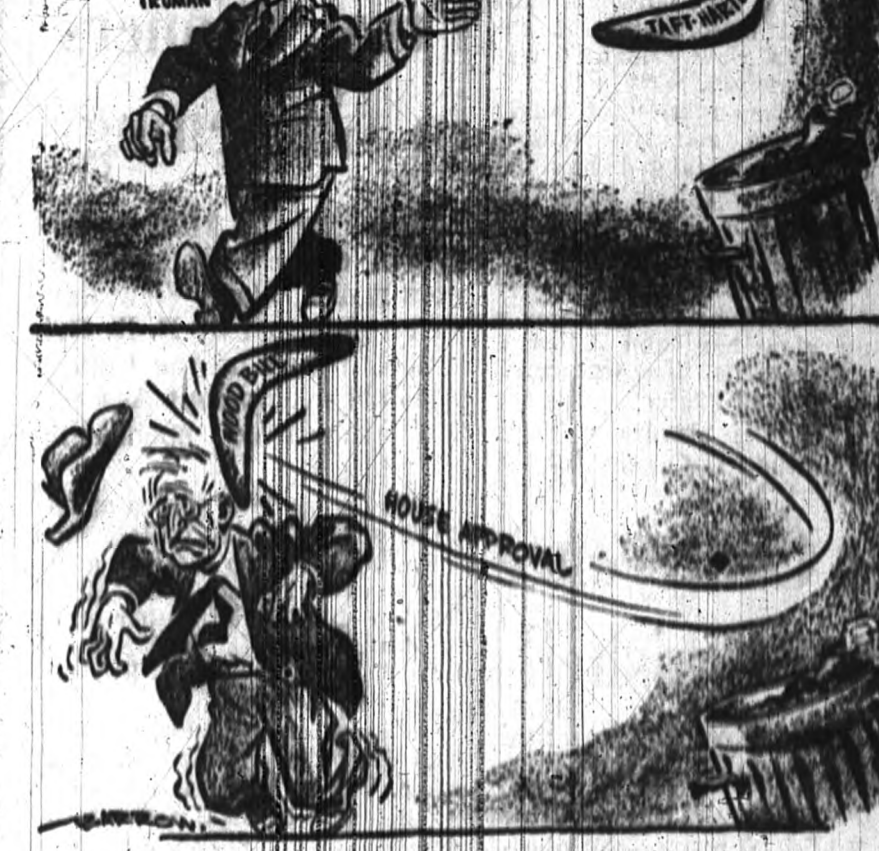
Fifth column of revolutionary

technicians could conceivably accomplish this objective for a time. For vital hours or days they might slow or nearly halt the pulsing heart of the greatest city ever built.

The heart is Manhattan. This small island is the most intricate thing ever devised by the mind and labor of man. It is a few square miles of beauty, ugliness, life and death, poverty and wealth. But it is very important to all

America. With its vast port and its many talents, it gives as well as takes, creates as well as absorbs. Like other cities it is no longer just a blight on the countryside. It clothes the farmers who feed it, and it sends them cash and radio programs in exchange for their corn. They depend on it as it depends on them.

But like all complicated things, it is easily disturbed.



California Offers Veterinary Work

Careers in veterinary medicine under a civil service merit system is being offered by the California State Division of Animal Industry to graduates of recognized veterinary colleges. Because of the near-emergency spread of contagious diseases among the livestock of that state, California residence requirements are being waived and examinations for the positions are being given throughout the country.

A doctor's degree in veterinary medicine from an accredited institution is the minimum qualification for the examinations but registration in such an institution in the academic year in which the degree will be granted will admit applicants to the examination, however, before being hired, an individual must produce evidence of possession of the required degree.

Those selected from the examinations will be placed in one of three main types of work conducted by the State: field work in investigation and inspection of disease control, laboratory research in the determination of cause and nature of livestock and poultry diseases, and meat inspection work carried out under regulations similar to those of Federal meat inspection.

The entrance salary for those accepted is \$558 and yearly increases based on a satisfactory service record are part of the program. Sick leave, retirement benefits, and vacation leave are all included in the California civil service schedule.

Final filing date for the Mid-July examination for the Veterinarian positions is June 25th. Those eligible and interested may secure application forms from the California State Personnel Board, 1015 L Street, Sacramento, California.

Brazos Dam Plans Go To Governor's Desk

MINERAL WELLS, May 18 (AP) — Plans for the construction of five dams in the Brazos River watershed on its tributaries have been sent to Governor Beauford Jester.

The Brazos River conservation and reclamation district yesterday approved the army board of engineers plan.

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