

Battalion Editorials

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Legislators, Why Can't We All Go On Record?

Sam Hanna got a bright idea during the last session of the Legislature. Being a politician great enough to get elected to the House of Representatives from Dallas County, he decided that what this state needed was a firm loyalty oath for all the students and employees of state supported universities and colleges.

When Sam's bill was introduced there was a lot of news and talk going around that Communists and Communist sympathizers were in this country. Even one, great big, bad fellow in a state university claimed before the Legislature that he was a Communist. Sam must have got the idea that our colleges were hot beds of budding Communists.

In a few days after Sam got the idea, he introduced a bill (H. B. 837) in the House to eliminate these admitted Communists and also show his constituents how true-blue American he was. The bill passed both houses of the state legislature without a dissenting vote. In fact we didn't hear a peep out of anyone opposing the bill on any grounds; it just wasn't good political sense to object (we all hate Communists).

Our objections to H.B. 837 are not

Wedge Must Be Ready To Drive Breach...

One half million Communist soldiers are marching on Canton, Chinese Nationalist capitol now under martial law and only 250 miles from Communist grasp.

The important Nationalist city of Chansha falls to Red forces (after the Nationalist commander and his 90,000 troops change sides). Reports from the southern front tell of Nationalist army revolts.

Poised to the north, another 150,000 Communist troops await orders to turn their border skirmishes into battles and roll against demoralized Nationalist armies barely hanging on. Chiang Kai-shek, safely ensconced on formidable Formosa, is feverishly working to draw the Philippines and other Pacific nations into an anti-Communist pact.

These are current news reports from China; these are results of former events and policies by Chinese factions and the American government over the past hundred years. An explanation of what is happening now, and why it is happening thus and so, is contained in a two-inch-thick "white paper" on China released Friday by the American State Department.

The State Department's report gives little hope for a China free of Communist

Lowbrow, Middlebrow, Highbrow...

Lowbrow, middlebrow, and highbrow likes and dislikes have been widely discussed since Life magazine carried an article several weeks ago on what it thought was the criteria for classification in one of these divisions.

But Life wasn't the first to think of people in terms of lowbrows, middlebrows, and highbrows if we are to believe Professor Stuyvesant Van Veen. According to this City College of New York educator, he has been hard at research for the past fourteen years on the important determination of whether interest in burlesque is lowbrow, middlebrow or highbrow.

Van Veen, an associate professor of art,

from any ideological differences with Star Spangled Sam; our objection is a point of principle. We don't think the oath will weed out any Communists, so Sam hasn't done anything to protect us. In fact, Communists will now become more subtle, and their efforts will be more indirect and consequently more dangerous.

We will sign Sam's oaths every day in the year if he wants us to. We feel that a loyalty oath to the United States never hurt any good American. But Americans who aren't good (and Communists) will sign Sam's oaths, too. So what good does the oath do?

Another thing, Sam (or his friends in the legislature) didn't propose that legislators be required to sign an oath similar to the one they whipped up for us. Maybe they feel exempt; but, like we said, a loyalty oath never hurt any good American. We'd like for our legislators to put their names right down on the dotted line.

We don't feel that they suspect us of being subversive, but they just want us on record claiming loyalty. We don't suspect them, either; but, just for the books, we'd like to see their names right down alongside ours.

control. The cause of the Nationalist government is lost, and soon all China will be Communist controlled, the report concludes.

What happened over the past few years when the pendulum of power has swung from the Nationalist position to the Communist position is explained by the report. The Nationalist's leader's lack of gaining support of the people and the leader's corruption and inability to grasp the situation in China and seek to effect changes recommended by the United States are the paramount reasons for the Nationalist's defeats and their hopeless future.

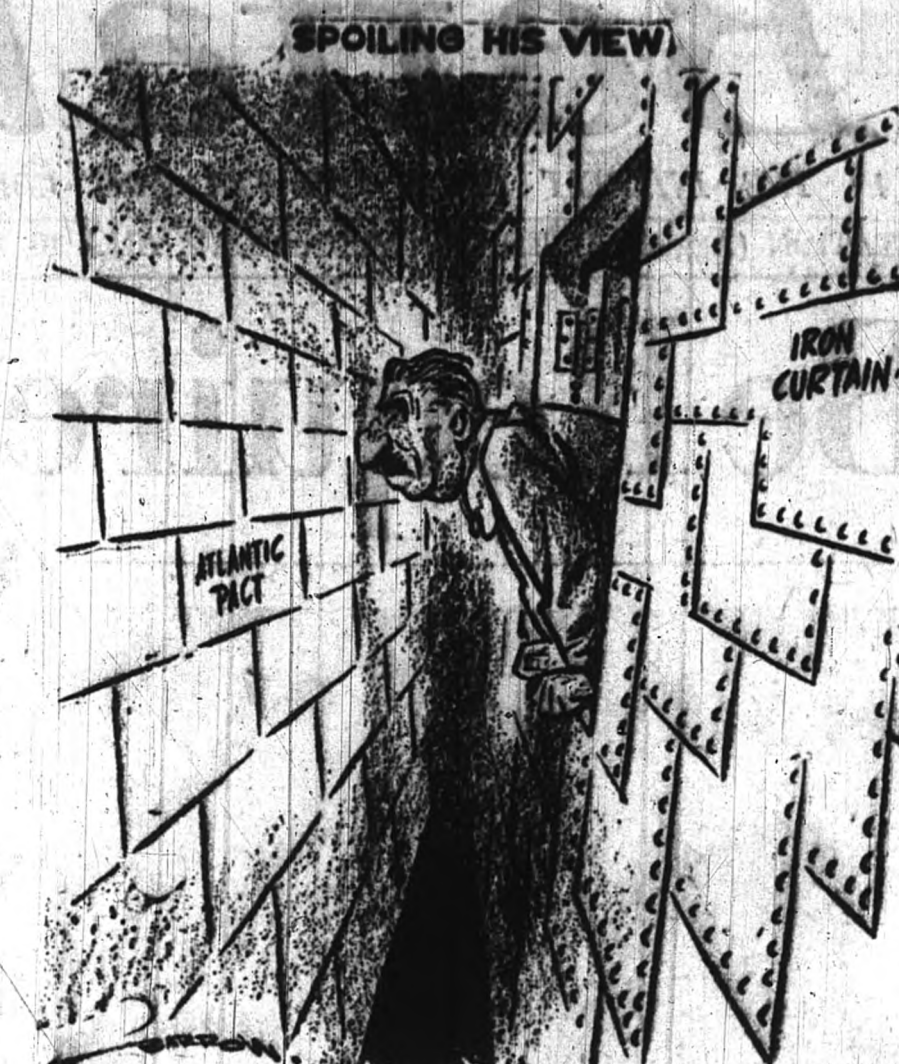
This writing off of a friendly China to the Reds calls for a new American policy toward China. We cannot abandon China completely if we ever hope to encourage her people to change to more democratic ideals and establish a policy more friendly toward us. Our role now is to sit tight, court every opportunity to develop a breach between the Communists of China and the Communists of Russia.

The example of Tito's break with Russia should give us encouragement that a similar split could occur between Chinese leaders and the government of Moscow.

has released his conclusion after fourteen years of study, "Interest in Burlesque is not confined to so-called lowbrows. . . Many Senators, governmental officials and even Supreme Court justices have been found to be regular burlesque-goers."

We hope the professor realizes his contribution to society through his enlightening research and satisfying conclusions.

The next time we're in one of the larger cities featuring such entertainment as a good old time burlesque, we'll not cover our heads and duck inside half scared someone we know will see us. We will hold our heads high, and give a sneer of contempt to those who do not fancy such a highbrow pastime.



Has Guts, Also Gall...

'Home of Brave'

By HERMAN C. GOLLOB
Home of the Brave (Screen Artists Inc.) starring James Edwards (Palace).
"Home of the Brave," the film which strident publicity blarney has blatantly announced as unmistakable evidence that Hollywood has "guts" now awaits the socially-conscious moviegoer at the Palace. Dealing with the racial problem, "Home. . ." not only has guts, but considerable gall to boot. An extremely delicate undertaking it is, this treatment of the nation's most compound social fracture on the silver screens of its theatres.

Handled without dignity and restraint, the picture dealing with racial issues is hardly more than brash, vehement, and idealistic soapbox oratory which is not only absurd and empty, but tiresome and offensive as well.

Such is the case with "Home" in which Messrs. Stanley Kramer and Mark Robson, the producer and director, responsible for the virile and realistic "Champion," have tossed rationality and perception to the winds, so laboring their ridiculous point that it seems as if they are trying to knock it into the heads of the moviegoing public.

Reduced to simple terms, it is the crack-up of the Negro Moss, an army survivor. The lone negro among five volunteers sent to scout a Jap infested island, Moss is greeted with open resentment by all except Mingo, a cynical, wisecracking sergeant, and Finch, a true and trustworthy friend with whom Moss went to school.

When Finch is captured and killed by the Japs, Moss feels responsible and completely goes to pieces. The psychiatrist in charge discovers the underlying cause to be a feeling of inferiority engendered by the intolerance for the negro race. He convinces Moss that there is no difference between black and white, and tells him to

Texas Expects Largest Cotton Crop Harvest in Twelve Years

Austin, Tex., Aug. 10.—(AP)—The largest Texas cotton harvest since 1937 was in prospect today. The crop reporting board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimated Texas production this year to bring 4,450,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight each, based on conditions as of Aug. 1. It would be the largest yield since the 5,154,000 bales harvested 12 years ago. Last year's production was 3,500,000 bales and the 10-year (1938-47) average is 2,722,000 bales.

John Weinzettle Services Monday

John Weinzettle, 1001 East 25th Street, Bryan, died Sunday morning in a Bryan hospital. Mr. Weinzettle was born in Germany on August 29, 1885. Interment was made Monday in Mt. Calvary cemetery with six nephews serving as pall bearers. He came to the United States as a child and had been a resident of the community for 75 years. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. J. Vitopl and Mrs. Mary Sustella, both of Bryan, one son, E. J. Weinzettle of Kansas City, one sister, Mrs. Joe Holick, College Station, four grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. The Rosary was recited in the Hiller Funeral chapel on Sunday evening with Mgr. J. B. Gleissner officiating.

Slapstick Still Good

London.—(AP)—Movie Producer Arthur Dent thinks audiences still will laugh at somebody getting slapped in the face with a pie, just as they did back in the twenties. He has made free use of the old gag in his new film comedy "Slapstick in the Navy."

Boyle's Column

Mars is Land of Beds And Beverages, Traveler Says

BY HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK.—(AP)—Every year or so a smart opens his morning mail and finds a pleasant surprise or a real opportunity. That's how lucky I am today. I've got a chance to take a free ride to Mars!
I would be suspicious that somebody was just pulling my leg except for one thing—the man who made the offer said he had already been there himself. So it must be the 24 karat McCoy.
The invitation came in a letter from a gentleman in Missouri.
"I have just come back from Mars, and I had a wonderful trip," he wrote. He explained he wanted me to accompany him on his second trip, because he wished the people of earth to have a word picture of life on Mars. He said that as a professional writer I would be able to do this better than he.

reason that our rocket ship begins to gain speed as soon as it leaves the atmosphere, and we travel about as fast as light."
What is Mars like? Here's what the man says:
"I'll not go much into details of the conditions that I found there, because it was more wonderful than my vocabulary is capable of telling you.
"The planet revolves as ours does, but in place of having a magnetic pole, it also revolves north to south, which makes the temperature uniform the year round.
"There are no seasons. It is all just one glorious temperature. They have no pests, such as flies and fleas.
"The food grows on trees. They have innerspring mattresses

growing on bushes. There is no rain except just as the sun comes up in the morning.
"There is no work to be done. Everything that man desires is right there at his hand. The springs that come out of the little hills, which they call mountains, have a flavor with an intoxicating effect."
Well, at first I felt tempted to go. But I decided it would put too great a strain on my honesty.
If I got to Mars and found food growing on the trees and joy juice bubbling out of the rocks, I wouldn't want to come back and advertise the place. That'd empty California overnight, depopulate Texas—and crowd Mars.
No, if Mars was like that I'd stake my claim—and throw rocks at anybody else that tried to land.

A&M Awarded Research Grant

The National Institute of Health has awarded grants totaling \$54,326 to five Texas colleges for the continuation of medical and allied research projects.
The Biochemistry Department of A&M received a grant of \$2,000. This grant will be used by Dr. J. R. Couch, who is working on a research project concerning the nutritional requirements of the cotton rat. The project has been going on for approximately two years. Dr. Couch is presently on vacation, but will be back in another week.
The Texas awards were among the 217 granted to 94 institutions in the nation.
The projects include studies of deafness and speech defects, peptic ulcers, the common cold and the relation of the endocrine glands to aging.

Professor Wykes To Marry Sept. 1

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holmes of Bryan, to Stanley A. Wykes, associate professor of Management Engineering was announced Monday afternoon by the bride's parents.
The wedding will take place September 1.
Wykes is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, having received his BS degree there in 1940. He received an MS degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1946. He has been with the Management Engineering Department since September, 1947.

Battalion Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Champion Holstein Sets Milk Record

Ormsby Champion of Rio Vista, owned by R. E. Hildebrand, San Antonio, has set a new state production record, according to The Holstein-Friesian Association of America.
This animal takes the lead for all of Texas' Holsteins, regardless of age, milked twice daily in the Dairy Division, Advanced Registry Test, with the production of 993.3 pounds of butterfat from 17,877 pounds of milk testing 3.9 percent.
Testing was supervised here at Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

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"A must for everyone to see!" - Parents Magazine

Home of the Brave THE FIRST HONOR PICTURE OF THE YEAR!

SHIRLEY TEMPLE FRANCHOT TONE GUY MADISON Monsoon

is there a Cathy in your Past? William POWELL Shelley WINTERS TAKE ONE FALSE STEP

FRIDAY A THOUSAND THRILLS! AUTHENTIC CHILLS! IRUBU THE WUKE PEOPLE Released thru United Artists

LEGAL ENTRY

SAT. PREVUE 11:00 p. m. FIRST RUN CLARK GABLE ANY NUMBER CAN PLAY

The Battalion "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman" Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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