

# Battalion Editorials

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## March With The March of Dimes . . .

One of the greatest of humanitarian efforts will begin over the nation this month. This effort, one in which all can participate, is the annual March of Dimes.

Funds gained from voluntary contributions to the March of Dimes are divided equally between The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and local chapters of the foundation. It is this fund which enables many afflicted to walk again and to regain healthful positions in life.

Out of the polio cases in the nation last year, approximately 10,000 were over 15 years of age. The greatest number of this group proportionally fell on ages between 15 and 24.

This age group is probably the one in which we are most interested. It includes most of us, most of our friends, many of our loved ones. Polio does not heed race, creed, color, religion—it will strike anywhere, anytime. It may strike any of us, or perhaps it has.

Last year saw the largest number of polio cases in any one year in the history of this country. The economic impact of this record number of cases has been a serious drain on funds of the foundation. Some \$31 million was needed for patient

care alone during that epidemic year, according to Basil O'Connor, president of the foundation.

Half of the money given to the national foundation is used in a program of scientific research, education, and emergency aid in epidemics.

The remaining half of the money stays with local chapters serving the areas contributing it. These chapters work through recognized health and welfare agencies to give immediate aid to infantile paralysis victims.

The national foundation was founded by the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, on January 3, 1938. Roosevelt, who was a polio victim himself, is honored over the nation with ceremonies on his birthday, proceeds of which go to the fund.

Around the campus and business districts of this community will be containers to receive your nickles, dimes, quarters, or whatever you would like to give. Don't pass them up.

With only small donations from everyone, the foundation can continue their fight against polio. It's a small price to pay, in view of the huge dividends it may reap.

## The State of the Union, and Politics . . .

The state of the union is good, thinks Harry Truman, President of the United States and speaker before yesterday's joint Congressional session. His address, interrupted frequently by Democratic applause and cheers, occasionally by Republican jeers, predicted smooth economic sailing for the American economy and called again for enactment of sweeping social legislation promised by him a year and a half ago when he was campaigning for president.

He called for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Labor law. He asked for passage of a national compulsory health insurance bill. He wants the draft law continued. He called for approval of proposed legislation to establish public power authorities like the TVA in the Columbia River Valley and along the St. Lawrence seaway.

He wants social security coverage broadened. Anti-poll tax, anti-lynching, and fair employment legislation was requested. He wanted Congress to "make some changes in our tax system which would reduce present inequities, stimulate business activity, and yield a moderate amount of additional revenue" to the federal government.

The President promised to send along further messages of taxes and how to bolster this country's anti-monopoly laws. He

pledged continued efforts by the Administration to contain communism and to gain the upperhand in the "cold war."

The speech was received variously, according to individual political dispositions. Southerners were confused—Democrats, but opposed to civil rights legislation and other measures their party is trying to enact. Republicans opposed the President's recommendations right down the line. And in the words of Scott Lucas Democrats (outside the South) considered the president's address an "eloquent expression of his (Truman's) humanitarian philosophy."

Harry Truman, President of the United States, stands as the most outright spokesman in this country for the welfare state. This stand is unique among politicians, really, any stand is. For politicians usually fence-straddle and wait until the popular shift in public opinion has been made obvious, then they act.

In the past, the "status quo" has existed in American politics until public voting pressure demanded change.

Truman is calling for legislation that a future generation might have forced. His opposition is the opposition of men who believe they see in the present trend toward socialism a sacrifice of personal freedom in return for a type of security promised by the supporters of the welfare state.

Arturo Toscanini, famous conductor, has been named a life-time senator of the Italian Republic for his contributions to the world of music. Perhaps we will soon have a Student Senator Bill Turner as a direct retaliation.

From the Daily Texan comes this gem. "An egotist is a guy who blows his horn when approaching a railroad crossing."

The Other Man. In Manhattan, Motorist Paul Moore admitted in court that in 20 years of driving he had never had a license, but that he "did have an attack of conscience the other day and applied for one."—Time.

"The average woman has a vocabulary of only eighteen hundred words." It is a small stock, but think of the turnover.

## The Battalion

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AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT



## Manipulated Costs Facing Consumer

BY SAM DAWSON

New York (AP)—The cost of eating is likely to become one of the most bitter disputes of the new year. It is also likely to become even more an artificial thing, strictly manipulated.

Since 1950 is an election year, there seems little chance of the year seeing a big break, price-wise, for the eating public. The anticipated declining farm income will disturb both Congress and the merchants in the farm belt. And whatever you may save at the grocery chances are you'll be asked to make it up later at the tax collection office.

Signs of the big fight ahead are plentiful today. Farmers and politicians are choosing up sides on government subsidy plans. Cotton growers have just voted to accept governmental control over how much they can plant in return for guarantees of how much they'll get for their crop. Wheat, corn, peanuts, rice and potatoes also have moved over into the area where the government will say what is planted, what price is paid.

Price of Food

But, the price of food—should it be high to please the farmer, or

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 J. A. Ore, Professor  
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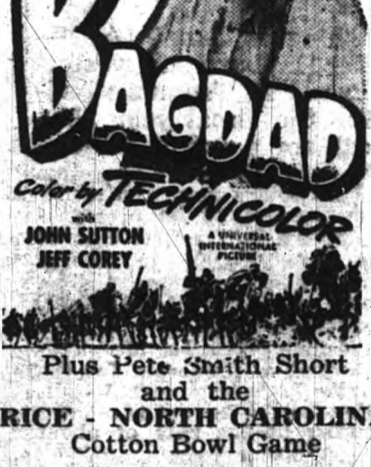


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Boyle's Column . . .

## Dusting Off Crystal Ball, Boyle Examines New Year

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Let's dust off our old \$4.98 crystal ball, and see what the year ahead has in store for us.

This poor man's philosopher sees 1950 as a less jittery period than 1949.

Fear of immediate war will abate still more. Nobody will drop

an atom bomb in anger, and more people will worry about losing their jobs than fret about being hit by an atom bomb.

Salesmen will have to work a little harder to make their percentages.

Pension protection will be a bigger political issue than tariff protection. Since it's an election year,

Congress will repeal the taxes on fur coats and baby powder.

Among other things the crystal ball flatly predicts these things—(but you can't put too much faith in a \$4.98 mouthpiece):

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