

Battalion Editorials

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1950

Storm Warnings Hoisted Over Bryan . . .

All is not well in neighboring Bryan. The city fathers were told Tuesday that a shortage has been discovered in the accounts of the Chamber of Commerce. To add to the confusion, the audit which revealed the shortage has not yet been completed. An outgrowth of the Bryan C of C, the Bryan Industrial Foundation, is also to have its accounts investigated by an audit committee.

Along with the report of the chamber account shortages, two former members of the chamber alleged that they had been "declared off" the chamber before their terms had expired. A third chamberman confirmed a report that an attempt had been made to declare him "off" the chamber but he had protested and remained a member.

Once Caught, Every Man for Himself . . .

Robert Vogeler, American citizen, faced a Hungarian people's court earlier this week and received a prison sentence of 15 years after his confession of having participated in sabotage and spy activities in that country.

Our State Department has been notably silent in commenting or protesting this case involving an American. Vogeler seems to have made his bed, and now he must lie in it.

He has admitted (perhaps after coercion) the treasonous acts charged to him. He is appealing his case to a higher court.

This case raises in our minds: What if Vogeler is guilty of the Hungarian government's charges that he and others sought to find out Hungarian economic, military and industrial secrets for American intelligence? They are also charged with cutting the productive capacity of an electrical power plant recently nationalized by Hungary to injure the nation's economy and to sabotage deliveries of goods going to Russia and other satellite countries.

Can Vogeler be one of those men we certainly must have throughout the world

The Grand Jury has indicated that it will review the situation. The County Attorney promised to prosecute the case to the limit if the Grand Jury returns an indictment. The foreman of the Grand Jury said the matter will be "thoroughly" investigated.

It will be interesting to learn the results of the current investigations into Bryan Chamber of Commerce accounts. These results should be forthcoming before long, too, for the directors of the chamber have set 10 a. m., Feb. 28, as a deadline by which they wish to know the why's and wherefore's of the missing funds. If they don't know by then, they promise to resort to civil action.

We can't help wondering what such action might reveal.

whose activities in business also serve American intelligence? If he is, and his confessions admit that he is, then what should be this government's attitude toward that man when he is caught?

Apparently Vogeler is left to his fate; he is strictly on his own.

In this chaotic world where each nation watches and suspects every other nation, a vast foreign intelligence network is necessary. Not only intelligence agents but also men who retard and passively sabotage the efforts of this nation's advisories are important. And men who do what Vogeler is charged with, have done service to that function.

Under the circumstances, this nation can do nothing to help Robert Vogeler. The 15 years he will probably spend in jail in Hungary is the price he must pay for getting caught. They are part of the life he gives to his country.

If Vogeler's activities in Hungary were on behalf of the United States, though he is a traitor to Hungary, he is a patriot of the United States.

By Legislative Resolution, Texas Exes Day . . .

On the 15th day of this month, R. E. (Peppy, Voice of the People) Blount offered the following resolution to the state legislature:

Whereas, The students of the University of Texas, meet each year throughout the world wherever they may be on March 2nd in observance of the anniversary of the signing of the unanimous declaration of independence made by the delegates of the people of Texas and general convention at the town of Washington on the 2nd day of March, 1836; and

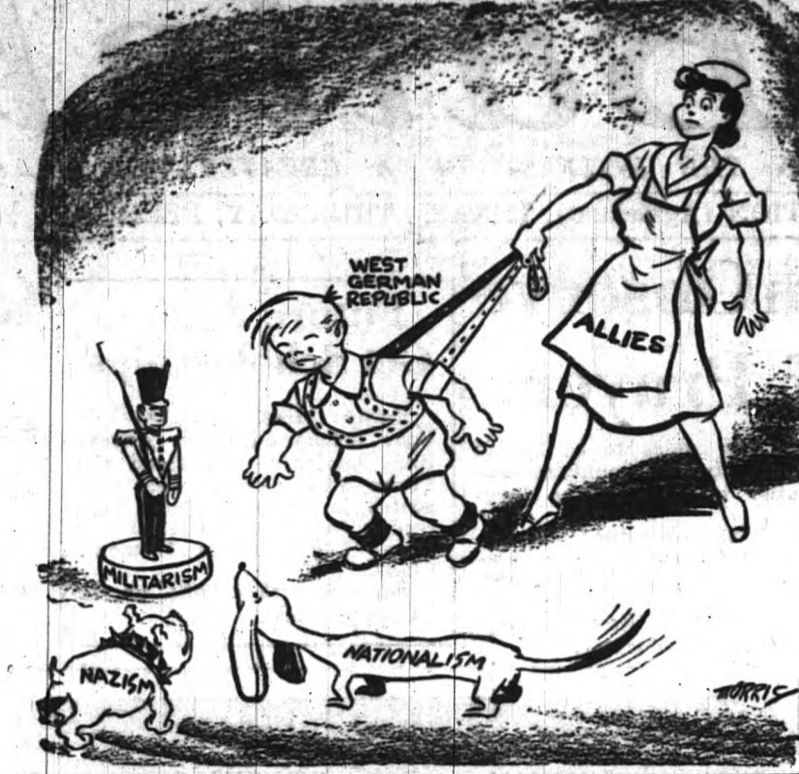
Whereas, This custom dates back to 1898 when junior law students cut classes en masse to celebrate Texas Independence Day; and the following year requests for a legal holiday on March 2nd being refused, moved a cannon to the campus from the capitol grounds and prepared to greet the day with cannon fire; and President

G. Y. Winston having stopped this, later heard the gun firing on the athletic grounds—now Clark Field—ordered the cannons back to the campus and declared a holiday and no classes were held on March 2nd until 1935; and

(Here, three more "whereas") Resolved, That the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, do hereby commend Texas Exes everywhere for their fine spirit in continuing the tradition of March 2nd by meeting together on that day each year and may the determined spirit that guided the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence live forever in the hearts of men.

House Journal, Feb. 15, 1950. Well, bully for them. Course Peppy hasn't heard of April 21 when Aggies muster together in observance of the independence that was won.

THEY GET INTO A LOT OF MISCHIEF AT THIS AGE



Britons Are Voting Today on Socialism

London, Feb. 23—(AP)—The case of British Socialism—staunchly defended and bitterly attacked—goes to a jury of 34,000,000 voters today.

It will be Britain's first general parliamentary election since the Socialist Labor Party of Prime Minister Clement Attlee won power July 5, 1945.

Generally mild weather is expected to draw a record-breaking vote. They began marking their choices throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland at 7 a. m. (L. A. M. CST) by 9 p. m. —14 hours later—the decision to restrict or expand Socialism will have been made.

Vote for Commons The balloting will be for members of the new 625-seat House of Commons, whose majority will form the new government. The old House was dominated by labor almost five years. The labor party had 390 members. The conservatives, labor's major opposition, had 201.

But the choice of a winner appears to fall clearly between the labor government and the conservatives, led by wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The Liberal third party, is making a determined bid to improve its old showing of 10 seats.

Scant hours before the polls

Official Notice

Notice to Candidates for Graduate Degrees in June or July, 1950: Your attention is called to the Graduate School regulation requiring that your thesis proposal must be filed at least four weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which you expect to receive a graduate degree. This requirement has been overlooked in a number of cases. Your attention is called to the regulation in hopes that you may immediately check your record in your department and in the office of the Graduate School to be sure you are conforming to this requirement.

Ide P. Trotter, Dean.

To all Graduate Students: The attention of all graduate students, especially those who have enrolled in the Graduate School for the first time this semester, is called to the following regulation: Before the end of the eighth week of the first semester a committee of not less than three nor more than five composed of those selected by the student, supplemented by appointments by the head of the department, with the approval of the Graduate Dean, shall outline in consultation with the student a complete course of study for the degree. The committee shall include: (1) As chairman, the faculty member under whom the thesis research normally will be done; (2) a representative from the minor or supporting department; and (3) the advisor of the major department.

A written report of the committee shall be made to the Dean of the Graduate School not later than the eighth week of the first semester of graduate work. Prompt attention should be given to submitting the material called for above, since nearly half of the eight weeks period has passed.

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were to open, Laborites and conservatives were running close together, according to opinion polls.

A final Gallup poll of public opinion gave the labor party a slight advantage. The poll said labor was preferred by 45 per cent and the conservative party by 43 1/2 per cent.

Lord Beaverbrook's pro-conservative Daily Press gave the conservatives 46 per cent, labor 44 1/2.

Both Confident Conservative and labor leaders predicted victory.

Churchill said: "I call upon all who have the lasting welfare of our country and the empire at heart to give a sincere and effective vote for the Conservative, Unionists and National Liberal candidates in tomorrow's momentous election.

"Thus alone can we regain our position in the world, preserve our freedom and revive the prosperity and true progress of the British nation."

Attlee was silent, but Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison, in his final appeal to the nation declared: "There are not many hours to go. The well being and fate of our country largely depends on what you—the active labor worker—do with those hours.

"Today do please help with the final canvass. That is vital!"

Socialism Entrenched Labor's program of health and social services, controlled prices and cradle-to-the-grave benefits has taken firm root in the national way of life.

The chief issues have been employment, housing, taxes, food, cost of living and the nationalization of industry.

In the closing phases of the campaign, Churchill took up foreign affairs with a proposal for high-level talks with Prime Minister Stalin to check the cold war and provide for atomic controls.

Though a late starter, it threatened to overshadow many of the domestic issues.

Bible Verse
And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. —Ephesians 4: 32

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Seventy-Year-Old Tyler Lady Commends Aggies' Loyalty

The Twelfth Man got a slightly delayed premium on its investment in sportsmanship in a letter received by The Battalion co-editors last week. The letter and a newspaper clipping were received from 70-year-old Mrs. C. M. Hancock of Tyler, mother of Professor C. K. Hancock of the Chemistry department. The text of the letter is as follows:

Dear Editor:
May I have a few minutes of your valuable time? Perhaps this note will be a surprise to you, but I hope not.
I am enclosing part of an editorial from The San Marcos Record of Feb. 10. It was written by a Mr. Leslie A. Cooper of San Marcos.
I hope you and all Aggie supporters will appreciate the clipping as much as I do.
I am a loyal supporter of all

sports, especially ball games of all kind, despite my seventy years of living. I listen to all or most all football games.
Mrs. C. M. Hancock
1214 N. Holmes
Tyler, Texas

The clipping was from an editorial urging teen-agers to support their team by staying to the end of every game.
I read in part (quote)
I am sure teen-agers do so thoughtlessly, but it always looks bad to see fans at an athletic contest get up and leave before the game is over, just because their team is getting soundly beaten. It is almost as bad as a groom walking off and leaving a bride at the altar. If the players who are getting trounced can take it, then the fans surely ought to be able to take it. Suppose the players should refuse to finish a

contest just because they were being beaten. They would just get a lot of criticism. And, no doubt, a part of that criticism would come from fans who deserted them before the game was finished.

At College Station last Thanksgiving Day, I sat as a spectator and saw the Texas Aggies get the worst drubbing from the Texas Longhorns that I have ever seen the Farmers take from any club in all the 40 year period I have been watching them play. I sat there with a sad heart and would have wept bitter tears had I thought it would have helped the Aggies. But did any Aggies or Aggie supporters leave that stadium before the game was over? If there were any, I failed to see them. Furthermore, the instant the contest ended, a group of cadets rushed on the field, lifted Longhorn end, Procter, who had played a sterling game to their shoulders and carried him to the dressing room. That ladies and gentlemen, was good sportsmanship. It is fine to support a ball team that is winning. It is finer still to sit tight to the end and yell for a club that is losing.

Legislature Gives Tax Rate Breakdown

Austin, Tex., Feb. 22—(AP)—You've been reading about proposed increases in the state omnibus and cigarette tax rates to raise money for better Texas hospitals.

How much are the present rates? What things are taxed? How much revenue does each item now yield? How much more will be raised by the increase?

Here's a breakdown:
First, the things taxed, the present rates, and the estimated yield 18-month basis as calculated by legislative members.
Crude oil bears a levy of 4.125 per cent of the market value. If production follows the trend anticipated, that rate would pull in \$110,500,000 in 18 months.

Natural gas is taxed at 5.2 per cent of the market value, with a minimum level of eleven-one hundred fiftieths of one cent per 1,000 cubic feet. Prospective yield—\$12,750,000.

Sulphur producers pay the state \$1.72 per long ton. Revenue for 18 months—\$6,666,000.

Telephone companies contribute 1 1/2 per cent of gross receipts in cities of less than 2,500, 1 1/2 per cent in cities of 2,500 to 10,000 and 2.275 per cent in cities over 10,000. Tax yield—\$2,830,000.

Utilities (Gas, electric light, power, and water works) pay tax rates varying from forty-four one hundredths of 1 per cent of gross receipts in cities of 1,000 to 2,500 to 1.51125 per cent in cities over 10,000. Eighteen-month revenue—\$2,550,000.

An automobile sales tax of 1 percent of the total value would bring in approximately \$14,166,000 in the next 18 months.

Liquor, wine, ale and beer tax rates as follows:
\$1.28 per gallon on distilled spirits; 10 cents per gallon on wine containing not more than 14 per cent of alcohol by volume; 20 cents on wine containing more than 14 per cent but not more than 24 per cent of alcohol; 25 cents on each gallon of artificially carbonated and natural sparkling wine; 50 cents on each gallon of wine containing more than 24 per cent of alcohol; 15 cents on each gallon of malt liquor (beer and ale) containing alcohol in excess of 4 per cent by weight.

Liquor would bring in \$12,042,000 in taxes over the next 18 months; wine \$708,000; ale, \$142,000.

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Permits to sell liquor, wine and beer would add \$1,430,000.

The franchise tax rate on corporations is \$1 per \$1,000 on capital applied to Texas business. Roughly this would bring the state \$14,500,000 from March 1, 1950 to Sept. 1, 1951.

A 2 per cent sales tax on radios and cosmetics, and each pack of playing cards carries a luxury tax of 5 cents. These three items would add \$750,000 to state coffers.

"Class A" carbon black is taxed one hundred twenty-two twelve hundredths of one per cent per pound when the market value is 4 cents per pound or less than 1.1 per cent of the value if it exceeds 4 cents per pound.

"Class B" carbon black is taxed (See TAX RATES, Page 4)

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