

Battalion Editorials

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Making Our Stand Clear . . .

President Truman Monday reiterated this country's determination to resist communist domination of the free nations of the world. Speaking before the Federal Bar Association, the president warned there is a real danger that communism will swallow up more free nations and strengthen Russia for an ultimate attack on the United States.

No words were minced as he said, "Against this tyrannical force which we know as communism, the United States has developed and put into effect a positive program to strengthen freedom and democracy. Our program is shaped to strengthen the United States and to help other free nations protect themselves against aggression and subversion."

He listed the Greek-Turkish Aid Program, the Marshall Plan, the North Atlantic Treaty, the military assistance program and support of the United Nations as positive steps taken by the United States to contain communism.

It is good that the president has made our position clear. We have committed ourselves—and rightly so—in the role of

the world's bulwark against communism. To continue in that role will be expensive. It will involve, as the president said, "keeping our military forces strong and alert." And the giving of "meaning and strength to our joint defense arrangements with other countries" will also involve sacrifice.

There is no other road, however. Until the time comes—if it ever does—when we can reach agreement on vital issues with Russia through the United Nations, we must continue in our present role.

The Russians should understand that we mean business. To back down anywhere, on any front, means only that we have retreated from our stand, broken our pledge.

These are perilous times. Our relations with Russia are bad and they are not improving. There is the possibility of a showdown which could come in the near future. While we must do all possible to avoid that showdown, we must continue to maintain our strength, economic as well as military, for it may be our salvation.

Absenteeism, Only Four Out of 96 . . .

Absenteeism during wartime was called an unpatriotic practice. Some men, because they didn't particularly feel like working, simply stayed at home and left their machines in manufacturing plants stand idle.

This lackadaisical attitude caused much concern among those planners of our war effort who were seeking to boost production. The cost of absenteeism was less pay for workers and fewer war supplies for the armed forces.

On the floor of the U. S. Senate Chamber this past Monday, Texas Senator Tom Connally spoke out against senators who were absentee legislators. Of a possible 96, only three senators were on hand to hear a fourth senator deliver a speech in favor of the \$3 billion-plus foreign aid bill.

"The very idea of passing on a great measure like this when you can count the senators present on one hand!" he ex-

claimed.

What gives legislators the special privilege of attending sessions at their leisure is beyond our conception. Why a man should seek an office to represent people and not fulfill that obligation is something voters should ponder and discover about their representatives in legislative bodies.

On this campus we have student governing bodies and important committees ridden by absenteeism. Men get out and campaign for offices whose glories they enjoy, but whose responsibilities they shirk.

Whether in an industrial plant during wartime, or on the floor of any governing body full attendance is expected. Men who seek those offices acknowledge as a duty their responsibility to attend and to participate.

Without an interested majority, we leave ourselves open to the control of a militant minority.

In Passing . . .

From the American Legion Magazine: In releasing the Uniform Crime Reports for 1949, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover pointed out some significant trends . . . 1,763,290 major crimes were committed in the United States in 1949 . . . A major crime every 18 seconds . . . In an average day, 1,100 places were burglarized; 203 persons were feloniously killed or assaulted; there were 102 robberies; 2,000 other thefts and 440 cars stolen . . . Crime in 1949 was 4.5 percent above 1948 . . . In Rural areas there was an increase of 8.5 percent and a 4.2 increase above 1948 . . . Declines were noted in murders, negligent

manslaughters and auto thefts in both urban and rural areas . . . FBI examined 792,029 fingerprint arrest records, exceeding 1948 by 4.3 percent . . . The predominant age among persons arrested was 21 . . . Youth played a predominant part in crimes against property, 27.4 percent of arrests in this class were less than 21 . . . Reports from larger cities showed that 93 percent of the stolen automobiles were recovered by police. Recovery of other types of property was; currency, 15.6%; jewelry, 18.%; furs, 13.3%; clothing 32.3%.

The Battalion

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

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UNPLEASANT INCIDENT

Editor, The Battalion: This past Saturday a group of FFA boys were on the campus to participate in various contests. These boys should have been shown the greatest amount of hospitality, courtesy, and friendliness by the students and the members of the faculty who came in contact with them.

I wish this was the case, however it wasn't at least in one particular incident. I was standing over at the cattle barn watching some boys judging. A group was just entering the east half of the barn while three FFA boys were walking out.

The A. H. prof in charge of the group stopped these three boys and asked what group they were in. They answered that they had judged dairy cattle and were

through. The prof exclaimed, "Then get the hell out of here." Now I ask you, is such a statement becoming of a college professor, a presumably educated man (and I use this term very loosely in reference to this man)? Was it appropriate for the occasion?

Surely, if they were in the way, they would have left just as quickly if asked politely (but this prof is not familiar with politeness). I talked to these three boys afterwards. One had thought about coming to A&M but that incident changed his mind. I don't blame him.

I wouldn't come here either if that prof is an example of the faculty. Fortunately he isn't, but these boys don't know that. It is amazing to me how a school with as few attractions as A&M has can afford to discourage boys from coming here by having such a rude prof on the faculty!

I'm not condemning the faculty—I think they are a very fine group of men; this prof is just a black sheep, an exception. Any one familiar with the A. H. Dept. will know who he is, as he is the only A. H. prof capable of such a disgraceful act. It would seem to me only proper for this prof (and he knows who he is) to write a letter of apology to these boys. They are from Flatonia and could be reached by writing to the local FFA Chapter in that community.

This letter should also appear in the Bat. If he doesn't write a letter of apology, it will be assumed that his action has received the sanction of both the A. H. Dept. and the School of Agriculture. Incidentally, they complemented Prof. Darnell on his friendliness and eagerness to help them. Too bad the good impression of A&M he gave these boys was scratched out by this other prof.

Three Names Withheld by Request

AAUW Hears Talk By Indian Official

The International Relations Group of the AAUW heard Joe Devadanam, A&M graduate student from India, speak on "The place of women in India at present and in the future." He was introduced by Mrs. W. D. Pritch. In India, Devadanam is assistant director of animal husbandry of the Hyderabad state government. He received master degrees at Northwestern University and at the University of Minnesota. Afterwards he went back to his state government for 11 years. He has now returned to this country to study here at A&M. Devadanam attended the United Nations Conference on conservation and utilization of natural resources at which representatives of 49 other nations were present. His talk was followed by a question and answer session.

Bible Verse

Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies. —Psalms 119:105

Official Notice

Because of the Annual Federal Inspection, cadets will be excused from classes as follows: All campus housed cadets from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 27. All cadets will be excused at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 27. As part of the inspection, certain cadets will be excused from their regular classes between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 27. Each cadet will be given notification by his Military Science professor that he is being utilized in the inspection for presentation to his academic instructor. All cadets at the annex will be excused from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Friday, April 28. M. T. Harrington, Dean of the College

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Band Gives Stirring Concert, Pleases Large Guion Crowd

By B. F. ROLAND

The versatile Aggie Band proved last night it is as good on the concert stage as it is on the gridiron at halftime.

In their annual Spring concert, 128 bandmen mixed every type of musical selection into a 90 minute program that was a tribute to themselves and their director, Lt. Col. E. V. Adams.

More than 1,400 turned out for the occasion—always an anticipated Spring event. Their applause rang through Guion Hall after every number and post-concert comments were full of enthusiastic praise.

Following the "Star Spangled Banner," the band opened its program with Alford's march, "The Purple Carnival." From this first number it was clearly evident the band was at its peak for the evening's program.

Christensen's "Second Norwegian Rhapsody," which followed the opening march, was a stately selection. The woodwinds were especially smooth as they carried their part of the melody.

The Cornet Quartet, one of two brass quartets featured during the concert, took several bows in response to the hearty applause which greeted their specialty number, "Tournament of Trumpets."

Quartet members Wayne Dunlap, Richard Lay, R. L. Robinson, and W. J. Aberg, put a touch of danceable rhythm into sharp arrangement.

Muted trumpets and a smooth, underlying rhythm highlighted the old favorite "Cool Water." The audience forced the band to rise in response to applause after this number.

The tympani, played by Ted Lokey, and the castanets in the hands of Eddie Rodriguez added the Latin touch to a medley, "South of the Rio." Eight popular Latin American melodies were combined into this pre-intermission selection.

The audience was surprised when, at intermission time, the band swung into a fast march instead of leaving the stage. The surprise turned to amazement as one by one, sections of the band laid down their instruments and walked off the stage during the number.

While there was no noticeable lack of volume, the stage emptied rapidly while the audience laughed at the spectacle.

At last, only three drummers remained and with a final beat they tossed their sticks into the air and walked off into the wings. Movies of the band during its halftime performances at four Aggie football games were featured during intermission. With a sound

track of march music dubbed into the film, the audience once again watched the band perform its turns, counter marches, preformances, and other maneuvers.

The stirring "Emblem of Unity" march opened the second half of the concert. It was followed by "The Student Prince," a Rombert melody arranged for concert band. The Aggie Band's performance would have been a credit to any of the great service bands.

The trombone quartet composed of E. D. Sneed, Gordon Keller, Charles Rowin, and T. W. Carlisle then moved to the front of the stage. Their selection, "Trombone Troubadours," featured close harmony and a danceable rhythm that had the audience wishing there were time for encores.

Burl Ives was outdone by 127 instruments when the band played H. W. Fred's arrangement of "Blue Tail Fly."

The band's final selection, "Overture Raymond" was further proof to the audience of the extensive practice which went into the preparation for the concert. Every section of the band was used to its best advantage in the stirring over-

ture. "The Spirit of Aggrieland" concluded the evening's program.

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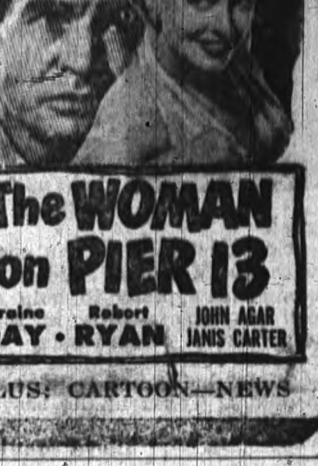


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