

# Battalion Editorials

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## For a Bigger and Better Summer Program...

There are many major differences in an A&M student's life during the summer and regular terms. A few girls are on the campus to alleviate the distaste some find in spending the warm months in school. The Grove operates a nightly schedule to furnish amusement during the evenings. Sport facilities are at a maximum just as they are during the regular term. Wearing of uniforms went out with final review—all in all, summer school isn't half as bad as some might expect.

But there is one definite lack in student life now. The well-organized student government of the long term is not to be found. During the year, the Student Senate and Student Life Committees form the nucleus of a representative student government, one which has accomplished many things for the perpetuation of the college as a leading educational institution.

Yet during the summer, there is no official group to represent the student body. Toward the end of the last semester, we asked the outgoing Student Senate to organize some small-scale Senate, or Student Council—the name is immaterial—to fill

in the gap during the summer. Either out of neglect or lack of concern, no action was taken to accomplish these ends.

There is a definite need for student representation during the summer, just as during the regular term. The same problems still face the college; these problems in turn face the student body. Only a high degree of cooperation can solve them. This cooperation could be obtained by an efficient representative group.

With only a few dormitories open for the summer, no large group is necessary. Meetings could be held more often than the regular Senate met, since the organization would be smaller and could accomplish more by acting quickly.

The recreation program's chances for greater success could be greatly enhanced by such an organization—one with definite responsibilities. But larger than any single activity is the ever-present need for a liaison unit between the student body and the administration of the college.

The summer is rapidly passing, but it is never too late.

## Johnson's Attitude on Formosa...

A report from Tokyo Tuesday indicates that Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson may now favor United States military aid to the Chinese Nationalist island bastion of Formosa. The purpose of such aid would be, of course, to keep the island out of Chinese communist forces' hands.

Johnson reportedly came around to this way of thinking after a lengthy conference with General MacArthur and members of his staff. The secretary was told of Formosa's strategic importance to the United States. "Even though it is late," informed American military sources were reported as saying, quick delivery of American equipment could still save Formosa.

The defense secretary is currently on a tour of the Far East to get facts to present to President Truman to be fitted into overall defense policies. Touring with him is General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who made the commitment address here at A&M earlier this month.

It is encouraging to learn that Johnson is soliciting and apparently taking to heart

the advice of his defense chiefs in the Far East. Past American policy, which is clouded in politics, has succeeded in gaining nothing for our nation but disrespect. We were literally run out of China. Unquestionably it is difficult to deal with an administration as unpredictable as that of the Chinese Nationalists. But, heretofore we have succeeded only in bungling every attempt to settle or even ease the Chinese problems upon which can hinge so many of our future actions.

Officers who conferred with Johnson were reported to have emphasized Formosa's value to the United States. The Air Force is known to feel that we should deny the island base to the communist forces. This overall conviction viewed from even the layman's point of view appears sensible. As long as there is the possibility of war with Russia, we should strive to maintain a base of such strategic importance for our own possible use in reasonably friendly hands.

We hope President Truman will listen to the words of advice which come from men who know the value of long range planning.

## Ohio's Governor Speaks His Mind...

The Democratic governor of Ohio, Frank J. Lausche, Monday issued a statement which every voter should take to heart. Speaking at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where the governors of the 48 states are holding a convention, Governor Lausche declared he will vote for Republican Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio if he thinks Taft's election will best serve the interests of the nation.

"I'll not allow my party interests to overcome my interest in my own country," he said.

In our opinion, Senator Taft leaves quite a bit to be desired in his record in the senate, particularly on foreign policy. We admire his stand and his co-sponsorship of the Taft-Hartley Law. We do not

know how his opponent Joe Ferguson stacks up. However, we do admire Governor Lausche's frankness. It is something we need more of in our elected officials, and it is something we are also beginning to see more of. Witness State Agriculture Commissioner J. E. McDonald's forthright stand on his past support of Republican candidates. Also notice Governor Allan Shivers denunciations of the actions of his own party in its encroachment of state rights.

Freedom from the undemocratic restrictions considered by some to be imposed by registration under a particular party banner is perhaps the thing which may point the way for a refreshing change in Washington.

# The Battalion

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## Deficit Spending Causes Price Rise

Washington, June 21.—The Joint Economic Committee of Congress last Thursday assailed federal deficit spending at a time when "booming business" is causing prices to "boil up in an inflationary manner."

It did brand the tax structure as being "unsuited to provide the incentives and productivity necessary to stimulate economic activity and uphold the effort to win the peace."

It also declared for cuts in excise taxes which "hampers business by retarding sales or restricting production," but urged careful study before cuts are made which merely reduce revenues without expanding business.

**Minority Wishes**  
The Republican minority, headed by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), said it was in favor of:  
"The reduction of government expenditures so that there may be no necessity for an increase in taxation, and that there may be a reduction in the tremendous burden of taxation of the international situation improves."  
"While subscribing completely to the idea that we should balance the budget and have something left to apply to reducing the national debt in 1950, the possibility of doing this by expense reduction rather than entirely by tax increases should be more strongly commended."

**Report Overdue**  
The long-overdue report analyzing for the benefit of congress President Truman's annual economic message of Jan. 6 was split clearly on party lines. Eight Democrats opposed six Republicans over Mr. Truman's economic "Philosophy."  
But the net result gave added ammunition to backers of the faltering economy drive in congress. The GOP minority report agreed in substance with this statement of the democratic majority:  
"Inability to vote against appropriation or vote for increased taxes needed to foot the bills this government now incurs, is a sign of weakness that erodes the confidence of free enterprise and grieves exploiting throughout the world."  
"It represents the greatest single danger to freedom and national security."  
Curiously, the 21-page majority did not specifically endorse any part of Mr. Truman's 12-point economic program. The program included tax changes, housing, aid to education and "standby" credit controls.  
The committee chairman, Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) conceded this. He said other committees had this work in hand by now, but that the whole majority report "broadly speaking, endorses the objectives of the president's report."  
The majority did not make a

## Experiment Group Receives Supplies

Several items of equipment have been made available to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. R. D. Lewis, director, announced recently.

They include a pellet machine, to make seed pellets, to be used at the Soil Conservation Investigations Station, Brownfield. Dr. P. A. Iverson of Menilla Park N. M. is the lender.

A two-row combination planter and fertilizer distributor, for experimental use, at the Main Station Farm there. A. B. Farquar Company, Dallas, is the lender.

A multi-purpose disc harrow, for experimental use, at the Main Station Farm. Multi-Purpose Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Mississippi, is the lender.

An electronic inflammation detector, to detect inflammation in the udder of cows to determine if udder is infected with mastitis, to be used by the Dairy Husbandry Department, National Research Development Laboratories, Los Angeles, Calif., is the lender.

A gift, motorcycle two-row stalk cutter, in the interest of agricultural research, to be used at the Purburnett Farm, McGregor, from Perry Company, Waco, has been made available to the station.

**Bible Verse**  
"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but GOD is faithful, WHO will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13

Third in a Series...

## Philosopher Tells Why Dixie Resents Racial Interference

By BEM PRICE

Chapel Hill, N. C.—Nothing baffles the Yankee so much as southern resentment over "meddling" in the race issue. Why?  
Dr. Howard W. Odum, a big, friendly and ruffled professor at the University of North Carolina, has been giving the matter some thought for the better part of 50 years.  
As a result Dr. Odum has come to be recognized generally as the foremost authority on the south and its problems.  
Dr. Odum puts it this way: "A Protestant might go to a Catholic and say, 'Look here, you are doing more to hurt Christianity than anyone else.' The Catholic, quite naturally, would be resentful."  
"The same thing applies here," Dr. Odum continued. "The Yankee might say to the southerner, 'You are doing more to hurt democracy than anyone else.' Now he might be right, but there would be resentment."  
For those extremists, north and south, Dr. Odum has this message: "It is provincial to argue segregation when the nation outside the south has decided it will not even negotiate on any basis but the elimination of segregation, and the south insists the matter isn't even a subject for debate."

**Diagnoses Immaturity**  
"The southern Dixiecrats reflected immaturity when they set up as a standard of voting for a President how you felt about segregation."  
"Some of the nation's intellectuals are so immature as to assume that age-old race prejudice and religious folk conflicts have been put on purposely like a garment and make the people over and approach the whole task of finding a solution in a spirit of giving something."  
"Many southerners are so naive as to assume the south can continue in an isolation which takes place in its segregation economy in a changing world."  
The doctor concluded, there were hot-headed folk who retarded progress and that these often were matched by those who "bring peace and brotherhood" set the stage for class conflict.

**He Preaches Giving**  
It would be best, said Dr. Odum, if these folk would settle down and approach the whole task of finishing a solution in a spirit of giving something.

## Social Security Rates Increased

Washington, June 21.—(AP)—The Senate voted yesterday in favor of collecting social security taxes on annual income up to \$3,600.  
It turned down a proposal to apply them to income up to \$4,200.  
The decision on this issue was the first major one as the senate pushed toward a final vote on its bill to expand the social security system, cover more people and pay them higher retirement benefits.

The change in the wage base would mean \$54 a year—at present rates taken from the pay envelopes of workers who make as much as \$3,600 a year.  
The amount under the present law—wage base is \$45.  
The Senate approved the figure on a voice vote.  
At present, social security pay roll taxes are collected only on earnings up to \$3,000 a year. The employer must pay a like tax.  
The final vote came after the Senate had raised from the present \$3,000 to \$3,600 the amount of pay on which old age benefit taxes are levied.

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the author of the exhaustive "Southern Regions of the United States" explained that back in the decade 1920-30, there was every evidence that the south was being reintegrated into the nation.  
But then, he continued, a strange thing happened. There was a revival of the old sectional conflict during the depression and again during World War II.  
"The revival of the term 'The South' came about in two ways."

## Schuman Tells Group to Start Negotiations

Paris, June 21.—(AP)—French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman called on delegates of six nations today to proceed with the "boldness of pioneers" in drafting a quick treaty submitting their coal and steel industries to a superior international authority.

Britain was the big absentee as Schuman opened negotiations on his historic coal-steel pooling plan. But shortly thereafter, a surprise conservative-liberal coalition in the British House of Commons, led by Winston Churchill, demanded that Britain join the deliberations.  
The labor government of Prime Minister Attlee stayed away from the conference because it opposes a supra-national authority to tell steel and coal industries what to do. The joint conservative-liberal action could spell danger for the Attlee government with its slim parliamentary majority.

Schuman opened talks in a ceremony attended by 60 representatives of France, Western Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg and about 200 reporters, photographers and television cameramen.  
The foreign minister outlined his high hopes for the "creation of new institutions without precedent in the present world," in a pointed speech of welcome. He then led the party into another room to get better acquainted over champagne.  
The first working session will be held behind closed doors tomorrow. Walter Halstein declared his German delegation was "determined to carry these negotiations through to a successful end."

Paolo Taviana, chief of the Italian delegation, said his country would press for quick establishment of a supra-national authority as a first step in raising western Europe's steel and coal production and bettering living standards.  
Schuman proposed that the conference concentrate on drafting a treaty, subject to ratification by the various governments and parliaments. The treaty would "define in general outline" the nature, operations, and powers of the proposed coal-steel authority and means of appeal from its decisions.

Technical details, he said, should be left for later conventions.  
"No one has ever tried such a system as we have outlined," he declared. "Never have the states conferred as a group, a fraction of their sovereignty to an independent supra-national organization."  
But, he added, the delegates must "take risks."  
"We feel that we are not allowed to fail."

One was typified in the now noted slogan that the south was the nation's economic problem number one. The south was 'Tobacco Road.' It was again missionary territory.

**Sectional Growth**  
"In the second place, 'The South' came to be synonymous with conservatism, or reactionary policies due to the opposition of many southern Congressmen and state governors to new deal policies."

These sectional divisions were intensified, Dr. Odum went on, with the coming of war.  
"The nation realized suddenly that its ideas of the American dream guaranteed to all its citizens equal rights and opportunities. And that, while it had gone to war for global democracy, there was no such democracy practiced in the south."  
"There is another factor. There may be no new south, nor new north, but there is a new Negro of great force and vitality."

**What This Means**  
"The Negro has changed tremendously. It is not only that he has developed an important upper and middle class; it is not only that he has developed a magnificent leadership and thousands have received higher educational opportunities."

"It is not only that the Negro youth, sensing change, is minded to experiment with every type of equal opportunity. It is all this and more."  
"It is as if some universal message has come through to the great mass of Negroes, urging them to dream new dreams and to protest against the old order."  
"The net result is a new Negro facing the old White man and joining with the 'north' against the 'south'."

## Experiment Station Receives Grant

A grant-in-aid of \$3,000 has again been made available to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The money is from Milton Hult, president of the National Council, Chicago.  
The grant-in-aid will be used "in support of research on the metabolism and deposition of polyunsaturated fatty acids from animal and plant sources" to be carried on under the direction of Dr. R. T. Holman of the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition," Dr. Lewis says.

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