

Battalion Editorials

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There's a Higher Moral Obligation . . .

We have been flattered. We're not so sure it was sincere, but the Summer Texan has called The Battalion "that beacon of college journalism."

Cause for the tongue-in-cheek comment was our recent editorial backing J. E. McDonald's right to appear on the state's Democratic primary ballot. The Texan insisted McDonald, eleventh-term candidate for state agricultural commissioner, should "quit talking one way and voting another."

Since publication of the editorial, McDonald—and The Battalion's viewpoint—has been upheld by a Supreme Court of Texas decision. The court quoted the case of Love vs. Wilcox, as did the Texan editorialist. In that instance it ruled a party cannot strike a candidate's name from the primary ballot if he is willing to sign

Politics Above Better Judgment . . .

We earnestly hope that by the time this editorial is published our legislators in Washington will have resolved their differences in regard to the bill to extend the draft for three more years. The bill should be passed as quickly as possible to maintain the draft machinery which will expire with the present draft law Saturday midnight.

Action on the bill hit a legislative snag Wednesday night when a series of civil-rights amendments sponsored by Senator Humphrey (Dem) of Minnesota aroused the opposition of Rep. Russell (Dem) of Georgia. Russell refused to agree to a time for voting until Humphrey's proposals were removed. The proposals dealt with complete outlawing of segregation in the armed forces, lynching of servicemen, and prevention of racial or religious discrimination against servicemen on public con-

Let's Inspect The Restaurants . . .

The once respected restaurant investigation committee which used to make periodic and thorough inspections of eating establishments in the college area apparently is as dead as the proverbial doornail. We recall, with a little effort, that these inspections of the kitchens and premises of local eateries were quite effective. Some places which failed to meet minimum standards set by the committee were forced to close until these standards were met. Others made a determined effort to always be far above the minimum standards.

With the summer increase in the number of students who "eat out," it has been brought to our attention that more than one local restaurant has allowed its standards of cleanliness and quality of food fall below what we like to consider a minimum level.

From an American Reporter's Typewriter . . .

Very recently in this column we commented on reports of communist atrocities in the Baltic nations and in Czechoslovakia. We singled out one man's experiences as part basis for our editorial. He was Dana Adams Schmidt, an American correspondent for the New York Times. He had fled Czechoslovakia to avoid trial by a communist controlled court. Scheduled for trial with him were more than two

the party's loyalty oath. We said earlier that no man should vote against his better judgment. We reaffirm that statement.

There is no doubt that the chance of McDonald being elected on a Republican ticket, as was implied by the Texan, would be slim. He doesn't want to run, nor should be run, on that ticket. He is a Democrat.

You may call it a moral issue. The legality of McDonald's action has been upheld. But we can see nothing immoral in placing the nation's welfare above questionable party requirements.

We are sure McDonald is not the only man who has done this. Many other broad minded Texans have had the courage to ignore would-be persecutors and vote for what they believe best.

Indications Thursday morning were that the proposals would be stricken from the bill and that it then would stand a good chance of passage before the Saturday deadline. Regardless of anyone's feelings on the proposals, attaching them to a bill as important as the draft act extension bill strikes us as an example of poor judgment. Maybe it was good politics, but there are too many legislators who place politics above judgment. Even the arguments for the proposals advanced by their supporters were poor, an indication of their true intentions. Since civil rights for Negroes may end up in Congress, the men who represent us there should reserve debate on the subject for specific civil rights bills and not tack them onto legislation vital for our national security in the hope that necessity for the main bill will force acceptance of the unrelated amendments.

There is little the individual student can do about this. He can, of course, take his trade elsewhere. But the choice in the immediate area around the college is limited and nobody likes to eat at one place all the time.

We believe the time has come to form a new inspection committee. Whether it be city sponsored, college sponsored, student sponsored, or a combination, it should be formed. It should begin its work as quickly as possible, for it appears that only in that way can we be assured of sanitary eating establishments.

We hope to see the day when every restaurant near the college will be able to post this sign—"Our Kitchen Open for Inspection at All Times."

Schmidt is now living in Vienna. From that city where he has taken refuge, he has filed a series of dispatches about life behind the Iron Curtain. An Associated Press report based on these dispatches is reprinted on this page. We urge you to read it.



Schmidt Tells Story of Life Behind Iron Curtain

New York, June 23—(AP)—The majority of Czechoslovaks profoundly hate Communism, but it will take a war or internal collapse of the Communist world to rid the country of its new masters.

This is the appraisal of a New York Times correspondent who recently left Czechoslovakia to avoid possible arrest in one of the Communists' spy hunts.

In a series of dispatches from Vienna, Correspondent Dana Adams Schmidt has given his impressions of what happened through twenty-eight months of iron Communist rule over the country born a hopeful republic out of the chaos of World War I and reborn when the Nazis were kicked out in World War II.

In February, 1948, the Communists substituted a "people's democracy" for the republic which the Czechs had flourished. The Communists installed all the equipment of the police state—the spies, agents, provocateurs and informers to spy on the secret police. Fear was their weapon against any who opposed the new order.

But there is little prospect for any potent resistance. Schmidt says. While the overwhelming majority, whatever they say or do, openly hate Communist rule, the Czechoslovak resistance is mostly in the mind. "Except for the bourgeoisie, there is little active resistance."

"You have to stay around and get to know people before you feel the situation feel sick and weak when you learn someone you know has been arrested, hauled off by a note summoning you to a police station, arrested every time you see one of those unmistakable men in brown leather coats [the S.T.B.—the Czechoslovak secret police]."

"People disappear suddenly. The West is waking rapidly and she is more and more at the mercy of the Soviet Union and whatever deals the Russians forge upon her. Concentration of economic authority in the hands of the state goes on swiftly. The country is rapidly becoming one vast "national podnik" (national enterprise). In effect, this is making everybody a civil servant.

College Dairy Herd To Be Classified

Professor F. W. Atkinson, Head of the Dairy Husbandry Department of Kansas State College and one of the few men in the United States authorized to classify both Holsteins and Jerseys, will classify the College herds June 22 and 23.

In addition to classifying the females, Professor Atkinson will classify the pure bred Holstein and Jersey bulls used in the artificial breeding program operated by the College.

In official classification work the animal is compared to a hypothetical "ideal" of the particular breed. The "ideal" represents a standard of uniformity in body type and confirmation for the breed.

Mrs. Walker Leaves For Visit in Cleveland

Mrs. Leonard Walker, who lives at 115 Lee Street in Oakwood Addition of College Station, left Thursday morning for Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Walker plans to visit her sister while in Cleveland.

She will meet her husband, Major Walker, in Pennsylvania at the end of the ROTC camp which he is attending there. They will return home to College Station during the latter part of July.

Bible Verse

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

FOR MUSIC THAT CAN'T BE BEAT . . .
 It's really a treat!
 Buy that **"AGGIE WAR HYMN"**
 We all know that it's the best in the land.
 So buy 'em now while Lou has them on hand.
LOUPOT'S
 Trade with Lou—
 He's right with you!
CLASS '32

'Man on Eiffel Tower' Shows Paris, Psychos and Manhunt

By FRED WALKER
 Shades of Freud? Thundering Pavlov? Are you frustrated? Do you suffer from a neurosis, psychosis, psycho-neurosis, complex, fixation, or an ordinary headache? The psychological paces would be a 2% off the Eiffel Tower. I won't say that "The Man on

the Eiffel Tower" is a wonderful picture, but I will recommend it because you may never see anything like it again.

This conglomeration of naturalistic, psychological, and melodramatic turmoil will start boringly slow, but a murder, a manic-depressive, and a comically-serious police inspector will wake you up with a bang.

A man (Robert Hutton) wants his aunt murdered so he can acquire a legacy, pay off his wife (Patricia Roc) and marry his mistress (Jean Wallace). An obliging manic-depressive (Franchot Tone) acquiesces and frames an idiotic and hen-pecked scissor-gender (Burgess Meredith). A tenacious, but slightly confused, police inspector (Charles Laughton) huffs and puffs after the killer. A chain of events follow that assures the inspector of the right murderer.

True to his tendencies, the M-D helps the inspector along, for while in the manic stage, he is a very obliging fellow. Although

he has framed the scissor-gender perfectly, there is a certain diabolical glee to be enjoyed if he can make the inspector believe who committed the crime and yet not be able to prove it.

The manhunt is the most peculiar that I have ever seen filmed. Everyone knows who the murderer is, but proving it is something else. Up and down Paris they go, Tone and Laughton, through nightclubs, brothels, darkened alleys, and of course the Eiffel Tower.

That slice of life that the naturalist calls for is wonderfully presented in detail as you see THE Paris in all its post-war color and humanness. The scenes from the Eiffel Tower are ones that will not be forgotten easily. Gay, wicked, lovable, intriguing Paris in all its glory seems real enough to be just around the corner. If you don't like the cast, psychological melodrama, or a war of nerves, it would still be worth the admission just to see Paris and the Parisian.

Although you may think that there is too much frothing, remember that the Frenchman is not as staid as the American. Tone delivers a convincing performance that is spine-tugging at times. If you have never seen a manic-depressive, his moods swinging like the pendulum of a clock, embracing the world with abounding joy one moment, and living in a state of melancholy close to homicidal tendencies the next, now is the time to do so.

Charles Laughton artistically combines comedy and drama to make a police inspector human.

Patricia Roc and Jean Wallace could have delivered their lines much better, but the male part of the audience didn't seem to care. You would hardly expect to find comedy in such a story, but a satirical police force will keep you chuckling.

For fast action (quite an understatement) and a lesson in psychology, "The Man on the Eiffel Tower" is the show to see.

COMMENT: Strictly for the adults.

Truman Backs Straight Demo Election Ballot

Washington, June 23—(AP)—President Truman yesterday backed the straight democratic ticket in Ohio, in contrast to democratic Governor Frank J. Lausche, who has indicated he might vote for Senator Taft.

Lausche said, he hasn't made up his mind whether to vote for Taft or for his Democratic foe.

Mr. Truman said at his news conference that if he were a resident of Ohio, he would vote the straight democratic ticket just as he always does. It would include Joseph T. Ferguson, Taft's opponent. The president asserted Ferguson is going to be elected, without a doubt.

The president had Lausche in for lunch yesterday along with other democratic governors returning from the conference.

The Truman news conference, the first in three weeks, produced another verbal spanking for governors J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and Fielding Wright of Mississippi. They headed the anti-Truman states rights presidential ticket in 1948 and captured 39 electoral votes.

The president made it clear they weren't invited to his luncheon. He only invited democrats, he said.

The president said the federal budget cannot afford a 70 group air force no matter what congress may authorize. Legislation to authorize the big force is pending but the bill carries no actual funds and the size of the force would depend on appropriations. Mr. Truman's program calls for 48 groups.

The president would like to go to Missouri to vote in the primary next August, he said, and plans to do so.

He left no doubt that he would make many speeches around the country before the November election. He said he hoped to travel a lot, that he likes that sort of non-political traveling.

Jaska To Teach Ag. Eng. in Korea

Robert C. Jaska, assistant professor in the Agricultural Engineering Department, left Tuesday for Seoul, Korea. He will teach Agricultural Engineering in the Korea Technological Institute of Seoul.

He is on a one year leave of absence from the College. The program Jaska will be associated with is a government program. This program is a part of the T. C. A. and is in conjunction with the Illinois Institute of Technology

Tax Increase on Corporations; Excise Tax Cut

Washington, June 23—(AP)—Legislation slashing excise taxes by \$1,010,000,000 and increasing levies on large corporations took a big step forward today. The House Ways and Means Committee formally approved it, 17 to 8.

Supporting the bill were 15 Democrats and 2 Republicans, with 8 Republicans opposed.

The tax debate was set to open in the House on Tuesday, under a parliamentary rule barring all amendments. However, Republicans, favoring the excise slash but opposing heavy increases in corporate taxes, will have an opportunity to offer a substitute bill.

There were three other tax developments:

1. President Truman declined to say at his news conference whether he would sign or veto the bill. He noted that it may be changed before it reaches him.

2. Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the Ways and Means Committee introduced the Bill formally in the House under his name, and announced for the first time that he would support it.

3. The House Republican policy committee was called to meet tomorrow to determine a line of action.

The bill as drawn reduces or repeals the excise imposed on articles or services including: Luggage, jewelry, furs, cosmetics, movie tickets and other admissions, canteens, chewing tobacco, cigars, distilled spirits used in medicines (no reduction in the \$9 a proof gallon levy on drinking liquor), amusement devices, tires, automobile parts, musical instruments, refrigerators, sporting goods, appliances, photographic apparatus, business air-store machines, matches, telephone and telegraph, transportation of persons and transportation of property.

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LIL ABNER
 Onward Eggnog!!
 Balcony Scene
 By Al Capp

30--YOU'RE GOING TO REVEAL TO THE 27,000,000 MEMBERS OF OUR MORONIC 'FEARLESS FUDSICK' FAN CLUB THAT THE FUTURE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS A SECRET FEARLESS FUDSICK READER!!

I'LL RUIN HIM!!

CAN'T HELP THAT!!—MY RULES IS WE GOTTA WRITE EACH OTHER 'BOUT OTHER AWKWARD MEMBERS!!

WE ONCE HAD ANOTHER (AWKWARD) MEMBER, BUT HE HAIN'T BIN VERY ACTIVE SINCE HE GOT HANGED.

COME TO THE WINDOW!!—DON'T STRUGGLE! NO ONE MUST STAND IN THE PATH OF ELDERBERY!! EGGNOS!! MARCH TO THE WHITE HOUSE!!

STOP SQUIRMING, ELDERBERY!!—WE'RE DOING THIS—FOR YOU!!

GO AHEAD—YOU FOOL!!

STOP PROTESTING, ELDERBERY!!—WHAT'S THE LIFE OF ONE LOUT—COMPARED TO YOUR CAREER!!

AWRIGHT—AN' I'LL JUMP AN' HE SECRET WILL DIE WIF ME—EF ME AXES ME TO—

HE IS A 'FEARLESS FUDSICK' FAN CLUB MEMBER, SAME AS ME—AN' TH' RULES IS WE GOTTA BE HELPFUL TO EACH OTHER, AN' DO EACH OTHER LITTLE FAVORS.

GO AHEAD—TELL HIM TO JUMP!!—YOU HEARD HIM SAY HE WAS WILLING TO DO YOU A LITTLE FAVOR!!

The Battalion

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

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