

Around the World, the People Wait...

An old and familiar atmosphere has descended on the nation. Those who recall the anxious days of 1940 recognize it. People everywhere are searching their radio dials for the latest news reports. Newspapers are bought as soon as they hit the stands. Conversations are filled with talk of crisis. In restaurants, diners eat quietly as the voice of a commentator recounts the days happenings in an evening broadcast. Even a few "Extras" are being printed, giving up-to-the-minute details of the latest military measures and counter measures. All at once a bleak peninsula in the distant Orient has become the center of international attention.

Veterans half-jokingly kid one another about doing a new hitch in the service. Reservists, some with and some without active duty records, are wondering if they might not soon be hearing from their commanding officers. Strikes have been pushed off the front pages, their space allotted to the familiar newspaper maps.

People in all walks of life are wondering if a new World War is in the making. In Washington, legislators, government officials and military strategists are weighing the potentialities of every new event. Congressmen cast aside petty disagreements on the peacetime draft, passing it in a few minutes. The fleet and the Air Force in the Far East are in bat-

tle readiness. The President stands ready, if need be, to mobilize the reserve and call the National Guard to duty—a power hastily handed him by a suddenly war-conscious Congress.

No one ventures an absolute prediction of the future. There is general agreement that our stand in supporting the South Korean Army is wise. The time has come, people are saying, to have a showdown if that is what Russia wants. Better to stop Red expansion in Asia now rather than pull out, watch the Far East fall and ourselves suffer the loss of confidence which millions of people around the world have placed in our might.

Once again the world is facing crisis. Perhaps it is temporary. Perhaps Korean communists will retreat, allowing opportunity for the blustering, almost-hot, war to cool off. But, whatever the outcome, the opinion of the majority of people today is certain. If this is the time when we must decide between human rights or further increasing enslavement of the world, then let us choose that course which gives us an opportunity for freedom.

The nations who are really united in the United Nations have pushed their chips onto the table. The communists must now call the bet or fold, at least temporarily.

To Each His Own, Even the 'Point Fours'...

We cannot imagine why A&M has been singled out for periodic journalistic attacks by the editors and writers of The Summer Texan. As you know, they recently criticized our stand on J. E. McDonald's right to appear on the primary ballot of the Democratic party. Not that we mind the criticism, but we were cut to the quick by the left handed comment they cast our way by terming us "that beacon of college journalism." Don't they know we have a reputation for modesty?

If that had been the limit of their jibes, we might have been content to let sleeping dogs lie. But now comes another blow. Commenting on a report that graduates of Texas colleges have more children per capita than graduates of the nation's higher institutions of learning as a whole, the Texan slammed at the figures compiled on A&M graduates.

Human Feelings Still Paramount...

Our attention was directed recently to two short reports that moved over to the news wires. We pass them on for your consideration and hope you obtain from them the same feeling of satisfaction that we did.

* One was datelined Balboa, Canal Zone. It told of a young reserve sailor who suffered from an attack of appendicitis while on a training cruise 900 miles out in the Pacific. An immediate operation was necessary. The Navy shelled further training plans, transferred the ailing seaman to a fast destroyer and rushed him to an Army hospital in Balboa where he underwent a successful operation.

The second news report came from

closer home—Denison, Texas. But it originated in Germany where a United States Army sergeant, whose home is in Denison, was injured in a motorcycle accident. Despite treatment by medical officers, the sergeant remained unconscious after the accident.

The Army, declaring the sergeant's condition serious, arranged for the Air Force to fly the soldier's mother to Germany so that she might be at her son's bedside. When it became obvious that he must be taken where better treatment was available, a plane was readied and the soldier and a medical team were flown to the Army general hospital in Westover, Mass. The sergeant's mother was at his side during the entire flight.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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Dixiecrats Speak...

Better Conditions Promised Negro

By BEM PRICE
(Fourth in a Series of Articles on The Changing South)
AP Newsfeatures

Columbia, S.C. — This is the headquarters for a point of view, that of the Dixiecrat or States Right Democrat.
No more logical place can be found to ask "What has the south done for the Negro?"
It also is the logical place to seek opinion on those who would change the South's traditional race pattern.
The chief spokesman for the Dixiecrats is, of course, Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, ex-Presidential candidate and presently a candidate for the U. S. Senate seat held by Olin Johnson.

In a rather hurried interview, Thurmond was asked, "What do you think is the Negro's political future in the south?"
"Declines to Predict"
To this the governor replied that an answer would constitute a prediction and he simply did not care to predict.
As for the broad question about what the south has done for the Negro, Thurmond pointed out that he had recommended the abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting in South Carolina and that the issue would be settled in the November general election by submission to the people as a constitutional amendment.

Thurmond also observed that he had recommended in this state the establishment of a training school for Negro girls. Herebefore they have just stayed in jail when arrested. There also has been adopted by the legislature a recommendation for a Negro school for the feeble minded. He has recommended more parks and schools.
For the answer to the rest of the question, the governor referred to his secretary, George McNabb.

McNabb pointed out that South Carolina was spending nearly half its annual budget of about \$1,000,000,000 (minus about \$300,000,000 for highway development) for education and that Negroes were obtaining an increasingly large share.

Stands on His Speech
The governor's secretary then said that the governor's best answer probably would be contained in an address made to a group of Negroes at Sumter, S.C. Here then is Thurmond's answer.
"Opportunities for the Negro in the south are greater today than ever before. His advantages are increasing rapidly in education, health, in agriculture and business."
"An illustration of the manner in which the Negro is taking advantage of his opportunities in the south is that of the insurance business. The national Negro insurance association in 1946 listed 45 member companies of which 25 were in the south."
"Another good example of Negro enterprise is that of the banking business. There are 12 Negro-owned banks in the United States and 11 of them are in the south."
"Opportunities in abundance have developed in other business lines such as undertaking, auto repair, barber shops, beauty parlors, cleaning and pressing establishments, shoe repair and the like."

"Improvement in the economic condition of South Carolina Negroes, for example, is marked in the occupation of farming. A large number of our Negroes work and live on the farm. About 61 per cent of all the people in agriculture in this state are colored."
"All our colored operators began 80 years ago as either tenants or share-croppers. Today many of them own their own farms and many others are buying them."
Cites High Percentage
"In 1945 the census showed 17,983 Negro farm owners in South Carolina. Of all owners of farms, 31 per cent were colored—which is a high figure when you consider that the proportion of colored in our total population is now 42 per cent."
"The number of colored children completing high school in this state has increased remarkably. In 1933 only 145 Negro students were graduated. In 1947 the total had grown to 2,346. In 1953 there were eight accredited high schools in South Carolina. Today there are 66 and we have a total of 165 high schools for colored."
"There are four privately endowed senior colleges and three junior colleges for Negroes. The state maintains a senior college with a graduate school and recently established a law school. Total enrollment in 1948 was more than 3,000."
"Negro teacher salaries were equalized with those of white teachers three years ago (after a federal court suit). In 1933 the average Negro teacher's salary was \$266. Today the average is \$1,117 for elementary teachers and \$1,611 for colored high school teachers."
"In the field of human health we have come a long way. The latest available figures show we had a Negro death rate of 9.3 per thousand population."

Sees Improvement
"In South Carolina and in the south as a whole, racial relations have improved steadily. They will improve even more rapidly as our economic conditions improve. The southern Negro has become a home owner, a taxpayer and a more dependable citizen."
"You are aware of the striking progress which has been made by the Negroes of our state under the traditional relationships of our peoples. But the tragedy of our common situation is that agitators from outside our borders have violently distorted the facts to serve their selfish ends."
Deplores Agitation
"Progress in the south is set back every time there is radical agitation of the racial problem by persons outside the south."
"Those who want all power centralized in Washington have used the civil rights agitation as a stalking horse to accomplish their aims."
"Every effort has been made to hide the fact that the Negroes in the south have made more progress as a race in the last 80 years than any other group in history."

Ag Designs Bryan Methodist Church
John Heisel, junior architecture major from Bryan, designed a new educational building for the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Bryan. The building is to be constructed of redwood and brown asbestos shingles, and will contain an assembly area, four classrooms, a kitchen, and a pastor's study. The building fund committee for St. Paul's Methodist Church held a meeting to consider a financial campaign for the new edifice.

Interpreting the News...

Russian Attitude A Decisive Measure for World Peace

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The United States, throwing her armed might into the defense of South Korea, is living up to the promise she made three years ago to help those who would help themselves against the incursions of Communism.
Working under a certificate of legality from the United Nations, America takes the role of policeman in the Pacific.
These are not measures short of war. American fighting men afloat and ashore were moving

into action last night, throwing themselves into the front of the line which the peace-loving nations of the world have drawn against Communist aggression.
Meanwhile, the South Koreans showed some signs of regaining the balance which they lost in the first hours of the surprise invasion. Within 24 hours the picture had changed from what looked like the beginnings of a southern rout to give some hope that they would hold until American help could make itself felt.
As American forces moved to the defense, the world waited to see what the Russian attitude would be. Observers were fairly confident that, as in the case of Greece, the Kremlin would not

Markets Drop, Trading Varies, War Talk Rises

New York, June 28—(AP)—Stock and commodity markets had a bad case of chills and fever yesterday. Prices swung widely in the heaviest trading in nearly 11 years under fast-breaking news from Washington and the Korean war front. But at the close extremes of both highs and lows were trimmed.
Stock prices soared and commodities plummeted in the morning, as war talk cooled over night. Then with the noon-time word that American planes and ships would aid the South Koreans, securities slumped badly. Trading was at the fastest pace since the start of World War II, and much faster than the stock exchange facilities could record expeditiously. At the same time, the martial talk sent foodstuffs and raw material prices skyward again.
At the close, both stocks and commodities had pulled away from their extremes. Stocks closed from \$1 to \$2 lower than Monday, when losses ran to \$7.
Traders preferred raw materials when war seemed likely, because war-born inflation and scarcity would tend to send commodity prices higher.
When the war scare seemed to be dying down overnight, traders bought stocks, perhaps hoping that the year-long bull market, born of continued business prosperity, would be resumed.
Selling of stocks when war threatened perhaps was sparked by the belief that war controls on prices and earnings, as well as disruption of civilian goods production and the chance of higher taxes, would make corporate holdings less attractive and profitable.
Corporate bonds closed lower in heavy trading. U. S. government securities, steady during Monday's uproar, were sold down sharply yesterday.

Letters

(All letters to the editor which are signed by a student or employee of the college and which do not contain obscene or libelous material will be published. Persons wishing to have their names withheld from publication must request such action and those names will not, without the consent of the editor, be divulged to any person other than the editors.)
Editor, The Battalion:

Your editorial "Let's Inspect the Restaurants" has just been brought to my attention. We regret that conditions in some of the local restaurants do not meet with your approval.
There is a Sanitary Committee in operation of this campus and in the College Station community. It operates on a 12 months basis and consists of very reputable individuals of long experience and specialized training who are trying to do a creditable job for the college and community.
It has a qualified field inspector who inspects restaurants, soft drink dispensaries, and other appropriate facilities periodically in accordance with the latest sanitary procedures, not only for general cleanliness but also taking specimens of water and milk for chemical analysis, checking the temperature of water and sterilization facilities used in dish washing, etc.
In my two years as chairman of the committee, no individual complaints have been brought to my attention. If you have or know of any complaints against any specific restaurants which you feel warrant investigation, I would be very happy to receive them.

I believe that investigation of specific complaints and remedial action taken wherein warranted will produce more constructive and continuous results than generalizations made against anonymous local restaurants or local restaurants as a group, for in almost all instances they have proven to be very cooperative with this committee and have demonstrated an honest desire to maintain the highest practical standards of sanitation.
Sincerely,
H. L. Boatner
Colonel, Inf
Chairman,
Sanitation Committee

Tax Reduction Debate Begins

Washington, June 28—(AP)—The House began debating the \$1,010,000,000 excise tax reduction bill yesterday, but the newly ordered U. S. military moves in the Far East raised some doubt whether there will be any tax cut at all.
The influential Democrat told reporters "If this means war, we will have a tax increase in 30 days, not a decrease."
A Republican member of the tax-framing House Ways and Means committee, Rep. Keen of New Jersey, said that "developments in the Far East may make it completely unrealistic to reduce any taxes."
Debate on the bill opened with Rep. Doughton (D-NC) telling the House it had better accept an increase in corporation taxes to avoid a veto of the proposed excise cuts.

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