

Battalion Editorials

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The Need For Adequate Armed Forces...

The immediate action taken by United States sea and air forces in entering the Korean war speaks more loudly than could any words for the need of maintaining adequate armed forces in all areas where the United Nations stand guard. Because both sea and air power were present in Japan in effective numbers, valuable time was saved in committing this power to action. A delay might have insured failure. We all know it would have had far-reaching consequences.

Initial communist gains may mean that even those forces we were able to send into battle may not have been enough. But they also stand as testimony to the advisability of sending equipment and supplies to those nations who have aligned themselves with our cause and are unable to arm themselves.

Greener Still Grows the Campus...

We would be falling down on our job if we failed to call attention to the newest campus attraction. We refer to the flourishing stands of carpet grass which are making their appearance within our midst. Begun earlier in the year by the Care and Maintenance of Grounds Department, the grass-planting campaign has now been taken up by the Military Department with encouraging results. In most of the spots attacked by the Grounds Department there were only a few sparse blades of grass. In the area in front of Ross Hall there was hardly even that. But now all these locations are sporting or will soon sport healthy stands of the bright green blades.

Better Police Forces for Texas...

Texas police officers announced Monday the beginning of a drive to extend state civil service protection to police departments in all cities in the state. The reasons for and the advantages of this protection were well described by the attorney who represents the newly incorporated Texas Municipal Police Association.

"If the police in every locality were given the protection of civil service, it would attract the finest young men in our communities to our profession," the attorney said. "By giving each officer the proper training through the various police and State Highway Department schools, we would be able to give the people of the state the kind of law enforcement they so richly deserve."

"In all of the police departments in the larger cities and in the State High-

Solicitors Invade the 'Forty Acres'...

The Summer Texan, semi-weekly, hot-weather tabloid offspring of The Daily Texan, recently published a warning for its students. For the benefit of TU students currently studying on our campus, we reprint the warning exactly as it appeared in their own publication under the headline "Students Beware! Mag-salesmen Are Here Again."

"Beware of any magazine subscription solicitors who may contact you on or near the campus," warned Arno Nowotny, dean of student life, Thursday.

"The perennial visitors were on the Drag again Thursday, taking a survey to see how many readers in

arm themselves.

Many lessons will be learned as a result of the present war in the Orient. One, we are sure, will carry the message that it is far better to meet force with force rather than compromise and in the end lose all. But, unless the United Nations is able to provide forces to meet possible communist attacks, they will be unable to apply the lessons they have learned.

Until all free nations are able to help themselves, the United States should, within the limit of its resources, dedicate itself to be constant task of standing guard over their freedom. In the meantime, we should aid these nations to reach a state of self-sufficiency. That is our duty as the leading nation in the world.

A lot of work has gone into the grass-planting spree. Both departments made extensive preparations for planting, then imported sod or carpet grass runners to start the growth. Regular watering and spading have paid off.

We look forward to more and more carpet grass on the campus. Although more trouble to care for, it presents a pleasant sight on the hot dry days and cooler evenings of the summer and fall. If, in the future, it would be possible to have an entire campus covered with carpet grass we're sure we'd all agree the effort had been well worth while.

way Patrol," he continued, "where we have been under civil service and free from politics, it has been proven we are in a much better position to cope with the fast moving criminals of today than we were before we were in fear of losing our jobs every two to four years."

The objectives of the new Association were given as improved working conditions, salary and security for policemen. It also hopes to increase cooperation between police throughout Texas.

Texas everywhere should be proud that their law officers have formed this organization and set as their goal an improvement of our police protection. We should give our full support to their efforts, for if they are successful we will all enjoy better communities, free from politically dominated police forces which are powerless, in some instances, to crack down on those who ignore the law.

the intelligent class this magazine has. If the student seems interested, the solicitor offers a 'thirty-month subscription to this magazine for only the mailing cost.'

"Of course, the cost comes out to be the standard full price for the magazine.

"It is contrary to regulations of the University for these people to sell magazine subscriptions on the campus, but legitimate salesmen have no limitations placed on them on the Drag or near the campus."

To this we can only add, "A fool and his money are soon parted."



Interpreting the News...

World Behind US; Russians Cautious

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The reaction of the non-Communist world to American intervention in Korea is that the United States has stood up to be counted among the men, and that other and less strong men may now face forward confidently under her wing.

The only word from the Communist bloc, aside from its technical arguments about legality and its expected effort to classify the U. S. action as imperialism, indicates that Russia is reacting cautiously. It strengthens the belief that the prompt U. S. action tends to diminish, rather than increase, the chances of World War III.

No Threats
Pravda's initial editorial on the subject contains much of the usual line, and asked whether the U. S. may have gone too far, but is noticeably free of any threatening tone.

All developments such as those of the last few days produce a series of disjointed but not unrelated impressions among observers. Here are some of mine:

U. S. Policy Right
That the United States has been very adroit in its approach through the United Nations.

That the U. N. itself has taken a historic step toward accomplishing the functions for which it was designed.

That President Truman stands a great deal taller.

That the similarity of the Korean and German situations is too close to escape notice, and that American failure to leave an Army behind its evacuating occupation forces in South Korea contains a lesson for the future in a Germany where the Russians are doing in their zone just

Bible Verse

"Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Phil. 2:3, 4.



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'Sunny San Antonio' Too Hot According to AROTC Cadets

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Kelly Air Force Base, Tex.—(Special)—The Yankees are finding that it's true what they say about Dixie—the sun really does shine all the time. At least that's the situation in "Sunny San Antonio."

Northerners in this case are a portion of the more than 900 Air Force Administration cadets taking six weeks of Summer Air Force ROTC Camp here. The Yanks are also the main point of interest to the 149 A&M Cadets.

Of course, since we're fresh from nine months of College Station weather, the dependable daily dose of Old Sol is a little unusual to us, too.

While other Summer Camp cadets throughout the nation are setting down to camp routine, we're well into our third week of training.

A&M Takes Review

The first week, which was mostly organizational, wound up with a review which the all-Aggie Squadron 8 took hands down.

The camp is composed of an eight-squadron, two-group wing. The few A&M cadets not in Squadron 8 find themselves living with our neighbors from the far, far northern provinces of Michigan and Minnesota in Squadron 7.

Most of the Aggies in Squadron 7 (Jack Cochran, Frank Bog-

us, Joe Massa, Jesse Hilliard and Jim Dobbyn, to name a few) now bear the nickname "Yank."

The whole program, so they tell us, is to show us what this "peace-time Air Force" is like. Some fellows could run up their impressions in two words—mighty military. All in all, though, it isn't too bad.

Long Days
The hours couldn't quite be called ideal. The days seem a little long when you get up at 5:30 a. m. Taps sounds at 11 p. m., although few cadets await that invitation to climb into their cot.

A typical day at present might include a 6:30 breakfast, a good barracks clean-up, two hours of either drill or P. E., or a two to four-hour tour of some near-by installation. All this is followed by lunch, four hours of class, a retreat formation (or a review) and supper. Cadets are usually free from 6 p. m. until taps and throughout the weekend.

As per usual, we lads from the Brazos Bottom were not too long in announcing our presence. The first night here found a yell practice going full-tilt at the Cadet Club.

Much Entertainment

The Club, incidentally, is only one of several entertainment facilities offered. There is also a theater featuring a new program each night, a swimming pool, a well-equipped gymnasium containing bowling alleys and other forms of recreation, several baseball diamonds, volleyball

courts, and a base PX offering luxury and necessity items at cut-rate prices. All are reserved to ROTC cadets.

Then, of course, there's always near-by San Antonio into which the cadets flood each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Night Excursions
Week-night trips to town are possible, too, but sometimes costly. Three cadets, Aggies whom we'll leave nameless, found that out recently. It came about like this.

The squadron had just returned from a four-hour session of classes. It was about a half-hour before retreat when four beautiful gals in an equally beautiful car drove into the area immediately adjoining the Aggie barracks.

Tale of Woe-men
They contacted the boy for whom they were looking and tendered an invitation to him and a couple of buddies to hop in and join them in a short ride. Under the circumstances who could refuse? Not the three Aggies. They delayed only long enough to make themselves presentable.

About five minutes after the girls, convertible, and Aggies had made their departure, the entire squadron fell out for a careful role call. The little scene, it seems, had been observed by a tactical officer or two.

Result: The Aggies returned a few hours later to find themselves proud owners of 16 demerits. Theirs were the longest faces of the week.



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