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The March of Time Picks Up Speed . . .

The cry "we're building" has come to signify something more than a coach's trite phrase on the A&M campus. We are building more materially. We are constructing.

When construction began Wednesday on the new plant for the Campus Cleaners, we stopped a few minutes to take a mental reconnaissance over the college area.

There are only a few former students who can now visit the college without remarking something to the effect that "the old place just doesn't look the same. Oh, it may look the same in spots to ex-students, but the "new" is overshadowing the "old."

The Memorial Student Center is scheduled to open this fall. A sneak preview

Summer Camp - A Capsule Education . . .

One thing among many that can be said of ROTC summer camp is that it gives college students from all parts of the nation an opportunity to know one another. And, to judge from the perhaps slightly prejudiced reports from our summer camp correspondents, the Aggies are not letting the opportunity go to waste. We imagine a lot of high powered hand-shaking marked the first few days of each camp's operation.

For many of the cadets, not only from A&M but from every ROTC college, summer camp presents an unusual opportunity. With the exception of the "lucky" ones who go to camps in Texas, the journey to the six-week training area may be their first trip out of the state. For some, it is a trip involving many hundreds of miles. The mere act of traveling is educational. And when, during the six weeks period, cadets are given an opportunity to see other cities and meet new people, the event is even more valuable.

For the big majority of the men the ROTC camp is their first experience with army life aside from what they know of

of its interior has shown us that A&M has one of the more modern and convenient—if not the most—student center in the United States. But the interior alone can't tell the story of the Center. The psychological effect of a recreational building of its beauty and expanse alone will be a great stimulant to a luxury-starved student body.

The new Biological Sciences Building is rapidly taking shape, along with the addition to Francis Hall and improvements in the School of Agriculture's "new area."

Other announcements for a new coliseum and physical education plant have been made and were welcome news. It all adds up to just one thing: A&M is definitely keeping up with the world in the constructional aspect.

from their school activities. Living as soldiers with occasional KP and related trainings, ROTC cadets cannot help but gain a greater appreciation of what is involved in army life. Should the time come that they are called to active duty, their training and close association with camp life will stand them in good stead. It cannot help but make them better officers and men.

But the value of ROTC camp is not confined to travel, introductions to new people, and familiarization with army life and methods. It is also present in the unparalleled opportunity it affords to initiate cadets into the business of learning to get along with others in a new environment. We'd like to meet the man who doesn't profit in experience as a result of his tour at camp. It is unfortunate a similar opportunity is not open to all for when the blisters are gone, the sunburn soothed, and the sore backs and sleepy eyes are forgotten, a lot of good stories of camp life will remain to be retold during the coming months. And a lot of hard-learned lessons will be remembered.

Industry Faces Mobilization . . .

Since the beginning of the Korean War, the main subject of campus conversation has been speculation on the battle's outcome. More specifically, almost all students are wondering what effect the conflict will have on their personal lives. Most agree, and rightly so, that if the situation continues from bad to worse, the days are numbered before they will trade their civies for khakis or the blue of the Navy or Air Force.

But amidst this guessing game is a new sentiment born of familiarity with war. Summed up in one sentence, it might read like this—"I hope that, if war does come, they'll draft industry just like they'll draft me." Another added thought indicates that potential fighters don't want to look back at the United States from overseas and see more fortunate laborers working for sky-high salaries, while the men in uniform sweat out the war for relatively small wages.

According to word from Washington, workers in home front industry probably will be little better off financially than the men they support on the battle front. Drafting will not be confined to servicemen. Civilians are in for a taste of or-

ders too. Wages, prices and jobs are due for freezing if war comes. Rationing will be more extensive in coverage, stricter in application. Even utilities will be regulated. The transportation system will come under full government control. Civilian production will be held to an absolute minimum. Taxes will shoot even higher.

This is all as it should be. Ordinarily we bemoan the increasing trend toward government control. In a peacetime economy we believe it should be held to a minimum. But in war time, especially in a war which can only be "all-out" if it comes, the industry of the nation must be enrolled and ordered just as are men in uniform. Profits must be held to reasonable figures. Strikes or threats of strikes must be outlawed. Workers must be kept on the job, all the time. The most efficient use of all materials, men, and machines must be assured.

We advocate and support such regimentation not in a sense of "What's good for the goose is good for the gander", but because a full-scale industrial effort with an eye more toward production and less on profits will be needed as much as full-scale attacks by our armed forces.

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Americans Deny Using Potato Bug in Cold War

Washington, July 7 (AP)—The United States denied today that it has signed up the potato bug as an ally in the cold war against Russia and her Communist cohorts.

The Soviet charge that U. S. planes had peppered the potato fields of Eastern Germany with the hungry little varmints was denounced by the State Department as a "fantastic fabrication," wholly absurd and ridiculous.

The Moscow foreign office actually had lodged a formal note of protest in the matter. The charge that Western warmongers had loosed six-legged wreckers and defusionists in the Marxian potato patches has been competing for space in the Russian press with Premier Stalin's pronouncements on philology.

The State Department didn't dignify the Russian note with a direct reply.

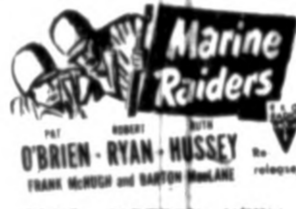
Instead, it issued a diplomatic press which contended that it must be Communist co-operators, not American bugs, which are sinking their fangs into the Soviet or satellite spoils.

There have been potato bugs in Eastern Germany for a long time, the department said, and besides no American planes have been flown over that area during the period the Russians charged our

potato bug battalions hit the silk. Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) counseled ingenuity in combatting such propaganda. He said the American government should immediately offer the East Germans "tons of free DDT" to get rid of all kinds of pests.

Campus

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1:40 3:35 5:25 7:20 9:15



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Interpreting the News . . .

Major Allie Preoccupations Total Five, Analyst Claims

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AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The western allies have five major preoccupations at the moment in the addition to the actual fighting in Korea:

Will Chinese Communist forces go ahead with their plan for the invasion of Formosa?

Will they send reinforcements to North Korea?

Will Russia sponsor a Bulgarian maneuver in Greek and Yugoslav Macedonia which might produce a Balkan war?

Will the Communists make an all-out effort in Indo-China before American arms aid can make itself felt?

Not Too Stable

Will Russia use the occasion for further activities in Iran, where things are not too stable, and where it is not possible that a swift switch of government might give the Kremlin a peaceful conquest?

Of these questions, probably the most urgent now is whether Chinese Communist troops may be thrown into the Korean fighting.

The United States is taking care not to offer any incitement on this score. That was why Chiang Kai-Shek was asked to stop his air raids on the mainland when the Seventh Fleet was ordered to defend Formosa. And why his offer of troops for South Korea has not been accepted, and probably will not be accepted at all unless the Peiping forces move in anyway.

Hong Kong Reports

Reports from Hong Kong have strengthened the fear, however, that Peiping's plans for an invasion of Formosa had gained such momentum that their abandonment would represent a serious political as well as military problem, and that they might try it even in the face of American Naval opposition.

The Communist bloc might feel safe in making a pass at Yugoslavia while U. S. attention centers in the far Pacific, but they can hardly hope to get away with anything in Greece after the determination already displayed there by the allies.

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