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Our Diamond Jubilee Will Have a General . . .

With yesterday's announcement that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will speak at the inauguration of Dr. M. T. Harrington as president of the college, the first news on A&M's Diamond Jubilee Year has broken.

For assurance that the college's 75th year will be a big one, the Diamond Jubilee Committee has been operating for months to plan the year's activities. Judging from its success in obtaining one of the nation's foremost leaders—Eisenhower—we are eagerly looking forward to the college's year-long celebration.

The former Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force last visited the college in April of 1945, when he spoke at the Muster Day ceremonies that year. At that time, he was a military man. Today he is an educator, although he still claims to be "in the Army."

The Effectiveness of Your Vote . . .

We have often wondered which element of the 81st Congress was more vitally concerned with the welfare of the nation and democratic principles than the other. Now we have a fair idea.

The House of Representatives Monday killed any hopes of initiating, at least in this season, a proposed twenty-second amendment to the Constitution, which would have abolished the Electoral College.

The Senate had previously passed the resolution, only to see it meet a crushing House defeat, almost 2 to 1. Momentarily, at least, we have more faith in the Senate than in its brother law-making body.

Our present system of electing the president and vice-president has been virtually unchanged since its inception.

Around 1800, when the twelfth amendment was passed by the states, there was good reason for the electoral system.

One of the principal reasons for retaining the system was the lack of communication facilities—the people of the United States simply weren't well enough informed to be able to vote wisely for the country's foremost leaders. That problem, like many others which then faced our government, has been removed.

To Save Lives or to Save Dollars? . . .

Korea is attracting a great deal of attention, but there are other potential trouble spots which could be next on Russia's conquest list.

The oil rich Middle East, the Balkan countries, and the North Atlantic area are in need of immediate arms aid from the United States. In countries where it would be inadvisable to arm the native troops, a highly mobile American force should be available for immediate occupation.

President Truman has asked 10 billion dollars to be used to halt the Reds. Russia has no national debt problem since army supplies can be "planned" along with other civilian goods. From a geopolitical standpoint, we are also at a disadvantage in that Russia controls more land, manpower, and sources of raw materials. In view of these facts, every effort should be made to contain Communist aggression. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, a member

of the Senate armed services committee, said in a recent radio address that "the time has come to prepare for the worst, and pray for the best." Senator Johnson has always held that preparedness was less expensive than unpreparedness.

Democracy as a system has many advantages, but administrative inertia, or the time required for decisive action seems to be a more critical factor than ever before. Men who can reason with very little error are usually ignored or court-martialed, and many Americans must die in order to buy time for frantic preparation. Russia has shown conclusively that conflict is inevitable in view of the aggressive policies of the present dictatorial regime.

We as a nation can neither remain complacent, or change the age-old pattern of saving dollars and spending lives. There is a very little uncertainty about our future relations with Soviet Russia—only one system can survive.

Today the people of the nation are probably the most well-informed group in the world concerning its political leaders. Newspapers, radios, and other means of communication long ago licked the initial problem.

Monday's House vote was largely backed by Republicans, although added Democratic support actually killed the bill, the Lodge-Gossett proposal. The latter is Ed Gossett, Texas congressman from Wichita Falls.

Republican House Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts claimed that, under the proposed amendment, his party would never be able to elect a president. Such a clear case of Washington baloney we have not heard of in ages.

The people of the United States should be allowed to vote directly for president and vice-president. True, the election would become a national affair.

We ask you, Mr. Martin. Were you running for president of the United States—heaven forbid it if you would not rationalize then more than you do now—had you rather have the satisfaction of knowing that the majority of the nation's populous had backed you, or that enough of each state had done so to earn for you the majority of electoral ballots?

Although Eisenhower is known primarily because of his wisdom in conducting the European campaign, we will be able to hear a man who is more than a soldier. We do not believe him to be in the category of military men who have no other interests outside the uniformed sphere of activities.

Should today's present world crisis be as prominent in November, it will be highly interesting to hear the General speak. Should another "Ike-for-President" boom begin, as it did shortly before the 1948 presidential campaign, it will be even more interesting to listen to the former Chief of Staff.

Our congratulations go out to the Diamond Jubilee Committee for obtaining Gen. Eisenhower. May you have as much success in all your endeavors for making the 75th year truly a "big one."



Interpreting the News . . .

Aggression Will Be Resisted by Force

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
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The United States has taken the first steps toward throwing its entire national strength into prevention of World War III if that is possible, or toward fighting it if that becomes necessary.

The President has served notice on Russia that Korea is not an isolated incident in which America will fight; that aggression will be resisted by force wherever it appears; and that the U. S. intends for the force to be sufficient.

Ten billion more dollars for arms

VA Authorized \$150 Million in Home Loans

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—The Veterans Administration is going into the direct home loan business today, with \$150 million on tap.

The new loan program was authorized by a delayed-fuse provision of the General Housing Aid Bill enacted earlier this year.

In some respects, at least, it appeared to clash with the Administration's new crack down on easy-term housing credit, set out in a White House order Tuesday and a reference in President Truman's preparedness message yesterday about the desirability of reducing the demand for critical materials required for the production of military equipment.

The direct government loans, bearing a 3 per cent interest and repayable in 30 years, will be available to veterans in areas where the VA has found that 4 per cent financing from private sources is not obtainable.

The new loans may not exceed \$10,000. In addition to proving he is unable to get 4 per cent financing elsewhere, the veterans must:

1. Be a satisfactory credit risk, with monthly payments on his mortgage bearing a proper relationship to his income.
 2. Not have used any part of his GI loan guaranty entitlement.
- Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr. said the direct loans will be available in all but the most heavily populated areas.
- Gray also announced that hereafter veterans must make cash down payments of at least five per cent of the purchase price of construction cost, both in the case of direct loans and of the customary VA guaranties of private loans.

Bible Verse

"For unto you it is given in the behalf of CHRIST, not only to believe on HIM, but also to suffer for HIS sake."

—Phil 1:29

WTA W Radio Program 1150 Kilocycles

- Thursday Afternoon
- 12:15—The League Baseball
 - 2:30—Scoreboard
 - 3:00—Musical Scoreboard
 - 3:30—Sign
 - 5:30—Responsibly Yours
 - 6:45—Sally Show
 - 6:50—Queen Day
 - 6:15—Supper Club
 - 7:30—Sign Off
- Friday
- 6:00—Texas Farm & Home
 - 6:15—W-TAW Roundup
 - 7:00—Coffee Club
 - 7:30—News of Agitation
 - 7:45—Hallelu Christian Hour
 - 8:00—Home Sweet Home
 - 9:00—Concert Hall
 - 9:30—Home Sweet Home
 - 9:45—Bob Eberly
 - 10:00—Dick Haynes
 - 10:15—Music for Friday
 - 10:30—Morning Melrose
 - 11:00—Sign Off
 - 11:15—Chuckwagon
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Behind the Scenes . . .

'The Lawless'-Raw Story of Mob Rule in Yourtown, USA

By FRED WALKER

("The Lawless," playing now through Saturday; Paramount production, starring Gail Russell and Macdonald Carey.)

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public would be wise to take their teenage children in hand and see "The Lawless," a story of mob violence that "could never happen here," but sometimes does.

In stark reality Paramount has screened the naked conflict between rational and emotional thinking, or better yet, reason and fear.

An 18-year-old Mexican tomato picker flees fearfully. This fear had sunk its roots many years before, and had expressed itself as a combed defiance.

"The friendly city" of Santa Maria is the All-American town,

complete with drug store-hangout, church-goers, petty politics, and the social railroad track. On one side is Sleepy Hollow, the "shack town" of the poor whites and Mexican laborers.

Prejudice Personified

From this environment came Paul Rodriguez. He has been the target of sneers, and rebuffal from the poor white trash who supervised his job, and the "respectable" white youth who provoke him into fight by the nearest possible means.

Joe Ferguson expresses his resentment against his father, who sympathizes with Sleepy Hollow, but offered no aid of escape, by instigating a riot at a Sleepy Hollow dance. Rodriguez hits a cop by mistake, and that suppressed sense of fear materializes. Like an animal he runs. He is captured by the police but escapes once

again. Seeking refuge in a barn, he is discovered by a young girl, who, startled and frightened, renders herself unconscious.

Lies Foster

The cry of rape is echoed throughout the town. Fed by a newspaper woman of the "sensational" school; the lies fester until Paul, who is only guilty of resisting arrest and car theft, is pictured to be a cruel, bloodthirsty sex maniac, ranting about with homicidal intent.

The fear has now reached a peak. Rodriguez fears for his life. His former employer fears fear itself. A fine example of white trash, he has to feel superior to someone, and it is that sense of fear that arises from his inferiority complex that causes him to stir up others in agitation and violence.

It's a scene of the typical mob people who are too young to know what is happening, people who join for pure excitement, and others, who emotionally weak, held in sway.

Life-Like Problems

A tired newspaperman (McDonald Carey) has had enough crusading in his life and wants to run a paper in a small town of which he may become a part. He must choose between the town and the girl he loves and every principal he fought for in the past.

People will certainly get their money's worth if nothing else from the film, for there are three stories in one.

The real star of the film is Maurice Jara, a new comer, who plays the hunted Rodriguez with amazing reality. At times I wonder if he would come running up the theatre aisle with the mob in pursuit.

As the disillusioned-disillusioned newspaperman, Carey does well in spots and appears equally unconvincing in others.

Except in the case of Jara, and possibly Louig Ross, the rejuvenated Hedda Roper, the cast should be treated with equal respect. The film is more of a blend of unpretentious acting rather than several straight shots of raw imitation.

Contentment Educational as well as entertaining.

Limited Number Of Reserves Face Call

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—The Armed Services will begin immediately ordering limited numbers of reservists to active duty.

There was no announcement when National Guard units might be called into federal service.

President Truman yesterday authorized the calling of reservists and guardsmen, along with

free use of the draft law to build up fighting units.

In a quick follow-up to the president's call for greater military strength, legislation was introduced in both houses of congress to "freeze" military service for the next 12 months all persons now in uniform.

This means that men whose enlistments are expiring could be kept in for another year.

Dip Into Reserves

In his message advising congress that an additional \$10 billion should be spent to strengthen U. S. defenses, the President announced that he had authorized Secretary of Defense Johnson to dip into the reserves and the National Guard for as many units and individuals as might be required.

The Army and Air Force promptly announced a "limited" call of reservists "to meet the needs of the Korean situation" and the Navy announced a "selective" service call-up.

The emphasis in all three services was for individuals with immediately usable skills, such as electronics experts.

The Army and Air Force indicated that some of their organized reserve units, as well as individual reservists, will be called. The Navy said there is a possibility that some air reserve squadrons may be summoned into service as units.

The Marine Corps said it, too, may mobilize certain selected reserve units.

A decision on calling up National guard outfits is not expected until around the end of this month.

The Defense Department declined to estimate how many of the more than 2,000,000 members of the reserves will be called to active duty.

The Defense Department is expected to take a further step to mobilize manpower by asking congress to raise the top age subject to draft from 25, possibly to a new figure of 35.

Rumors Spread On New Moves Of Cominform

London, July 20.—(AP)—The possibility was posed yesterday that the Cominform has been called together to approve some European move connected with the battle in Korea.

Rumors of the meeting grew as a Communist pressure campaign heightened against Yugoslavia and Greece.

The only announced members of the Communist International information bureau are European Communist parties. So the supposition is that a cominform meeting would be primarily concerned with European questions, but possibly as they relate to Korea and the Far East.

Rome newspapers said in dispatches from Vienna Tuesday a meeting of top Communist leaders was being called behind the Iron Curtain. Several known cominform chiefs are away from their staid grounds.

Maurice Thorez and Jacques Duclos, top French Communist leaders, were not in their usual places at the National Assembly in Paris.

Asked whether they were attending a cominform meeting, Communist party officials said:

"We don't know. We never know until it's over."

Informed sources in Rome said Italy's No. 1 Communist, Palmiro Togliatti, left for an unannounced destination Sunday. Il Giornale D'Italia said he passed through Bolzano, in Northern Italy, last night on a train bound for Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Informed sources at Karlsbad, Czechoslovakia, disclosed that Soviet Foreign Minister Andre Vishinsky had cut short a vacation at that health resort and left yesterday for an undisclosed spot.

It was the first news of Vishinsky since mid-May. His absence from Moscow had been noted when it was left to Deputy Foreign Minister Andre Gromyko to issue statements and meet diplomats in connection with the Korean crisis. Vishinsky does not ordinarily attend cominform policy-making meetings.

White Challenges Three Opponents

Tyler, Tex., July 20.—(AP)—John C. White of Wichita Falls sent telegrams to his three opponents for State Agriculture Commissioner yesterday challenging them to meet him to "talk out the issues."

White said the other candidates aren't talking about Texas farm issues, and instead "have brought in the tideslides, the national farm program, how they voted for president and water rights."

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