## Battalion Editorials

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## Quantity Buying Aids the Enemy .

Coffee ten cents a cup! No nylons and no linens! These are common enough shortage and high price examples during wartime. Part of the blame lies with the manufacturers and part with John and Jane Doe.

An all out war effort takes from the civilian market such products as necessary to maintain and equip armed forces. This is to be expected by a people at war. However, the manufacturer who fakes shortages to boost his prices should be eliminated. He's the one who should be tagged with the label "profiteer."

The procedure runs something like this. Jane Doe hears it whispered confidentially that the Army is buying up all of the size nine hose for the WACS. She knows that she wears a size nine and if hose are to be scarce she must have a supply. Downtown she rushes, after telling her best friend who passes the word along. Soon there really is a shortage of size

## Research - A Form of Progress . . .

Progress marches on! The objective of science and experimentation in attaining this condition is often questionable to the public who hears or is told the outcome of the nation's latest attempts to delve into the unknown.

For instance, the first horizontal rocket flight of a guided long tange missile Monday became a reality for scientists who had been working on the project for some time. A previous attempt had been made to launch the missile last week, but a faulty fuel system left the rocket in its launching frame.

Termed a preview of "push button" warfare, a huge captured German V-2 rocket carrying a smaller missile on its nose was sent out on its experimental mission of over the Atlantic from a Florida base. The large rocket is said to have reached a speed of 2,700 miles per hour during the course of its flight. After a minute and 20 seconds of flight with the large rocket, the small missile separated

nine hose. Then the wholesaler and manufacturer move in. They tell the local "Emporium" that for twice the usual price they can let them have two dozen pairs of size nines. There's the set up for scarcity and high price spirals.

With the present outbreak of Korean hostilities and an increase in the size of the armed forces, certain commodities must go to equip the United Nations' army. However, there is no reason for anyone to feel that they will actually be in

During the last war, rationing solved the difficulty of obtaining scarce articles on a fair basis. No one was discriminated

The average person can do something to help in this national emergency. Stand your ground, don't panic. There's plenty of materials to go around. American production has always been able to meet necessary demands.

## from it and sped on its way alone.

Having served its purpose as a mother ship for the smaller missile, the German rocket was exploded somewhere over the Atlantic. Meanwhile the smaller rocket went on its way with an expected speed of 5,000 miles per hour.

Presently, the scientists are elated. The flight in their opinion was "successful" and the rocket's trajectory was "beauti-

The further performance of the smaller rocket is a military secret. However, the value of a rocket which needs another to serve as its launcher, then reaches a speed of several thousand miles per hour with the intended range of only 175 miles is questionable.

Maybe, in a number of years, the scientific data revealed during the missiles two second flight may be revealed to the innocent tax payers who now can do nothing but pick up and pay the bills. But progress must go on!

The main object of a reserve program

is to provide trained men immediately in

critical times. The Army, Navy, and the

Marine Corps were able to call trained

serve has been called "a list of names and

got its share of the defense appropriations

the taxpayers apparently paid for a re-

serve program that is almost nonexistent.

version of potential power to power in the

factual form of adequate men and weapons

to meet a possible global crisis. We agree

with Rep. Vinson in that we must "get

the ox out of the ditch and not spend a

lot of time and effort trying to find out

The problem we now face is rapid con-

Even though the Air Force

### Actual, Not Potential, Powers Needed . . .

The Korean crisis has exposed serious and has almost 300 submarines and a vast weakness in our defense program, and if they can be corrected in the shortest possible time we may be able to prevent a more serious debade in western Europe. Republicans in the House have called for a "housecleaning" in the State and De- units to active duty, but the Air Force Refense Departments.

Rep. Short (R-Mo), particularly criticised the impression of "false security" created by Defense Secretary Johnson.

\$50 billion have been appropriated for defense in the last four years according to Rep. Short, and he asks "what have we got to show for it ?"

Ren. Vinson. (D-Ga), said that the United States is "seriously short" in standing manpower. Russia, be continued, outnumbers the U.S. 7 to 1 in tanks, more than 17 to 1 in military manpower, who pushed him into the ditch."

New relief for polio patients whose

form of beds which "agitate" to ease

Everything that is worth while has a breathing muscles are crippled comes in fence around it-but there is always a

> gate and a key. To be an interesting conversationalist,

#### breathing. The special-made beds, rock in a seesaw motion to give the added comyou must let others do 90% of the talking.

# The Battalion

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

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Teague Reporting . . .

## Washington Hints New Red Strategy

by that doctrine of Communism,

which predicts eventual warfare

We know that Russia has em-

barked on a career of aggressive

imperialism which could eventually

start the third World War if it

has not already done so. Russia did not think we would fight in

Sacrifice of War

know whether Russia will sacri-

fice the North Koreans or whether it is a third World War. It is gen-

erally assumed in Washington that the enemy offensive may break out

in several areas at once. In Iran

and the Near East, Bulgaria and

Albania may be persuaded to go into Greece and certainly we would

It is possible that the Russians might convince the East Germans

that they should by force try to

take over West Germany and of

course we would fight there. The prevailing view in Washington by our best informed leaders is that a third World War is possible but

Military Strength

Soviet World: The major assets of the Russian dominated world

are: a central position from a world political point of view in the heart of the Europe-Asia land mass, in-

of the Europe-Asia land mass, in-terior lines of communications, vast and varied material resources, a population of some 300 million without counting China, enormous

land armies actually in being (estimated at some 100 to 200 divi-

universal military training which

has created a reserve of 25 to 30

million trained soldiers, an air

force possibly superior to ours in numbers of planes and especially

strong for tactical air support, considenable number of modern type

submarines, fifth column support

Atomic Progress

an atomic explosion, little is known

of the atomic progress in Russia.

The most apparent weaknesses of

the Russian group are: the low lev-

of its armed forces, industry and agriculture, the shortage of tech-

nical trained personnel; poor trans portation; a doubtful food supply for a prolonged war: and a doubt-ful supply of steel and petroleum.

being weighed by the leaders in the Kremlin and very soon we will

know their decision-a general war

or the continuation of the "cold

Ag Profs In Meeting

Dr. J. C. Miller and J. M. Jones, of the Animal Husbandry Depart-ment, and R. E. Patterson of the

Agricultural Experiment Station

are meeting this week with coop

erators in the beef cattle breeding project at Balmorhea, Tex.

Purpose of the trip is to make plans for the trials which will start

Beyond the fact that there was

in every country in the world.

large quantities of tanks

(2) The military strength of the

have to fight there.

unlikely at this time

It will be some time before we

with the United States

ly newsletter from Congressman Olin E. Teague, representative of Sixth District of Texas Teague's letters, sent from his Washington D. C. office, are be-ing published by The Battalion as a special news service to our

Has World War III started? That is the question which every person wants answered. It is rum ored around Washington that at this time Communist leaders from the different countries of the world are meeting somewhere in Europe to receive instructions

What instructions? All conversation around Washington these days is centered around national defense. The success or failure of sational defense is fateful for every

Most decisions regarding national defense are made in the Executive branch of our government. Detailed Congressional action is not in most cases except for appropriations. However, it is necessary that Congress understand the situation involving national de-

#### Where is Money?

This week Mr. Vinson, chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives has asked our military leaders to report exactly where our defense dollars have gone and wheth-

## Washington Plans Bombing Defenses

Washington, July 27 An The veil that has been draped over the question: "What will happen if Washington is bombed?" was lifted a little yesterday.

In two separate announcements, it was disclosed that:

A communications center, appar ently to be used in case the Pentagon should ever be knocked but, to be built at and near Camp Ritchie, Md.

The new Friendship Airport be tween Baltimore and Washington, will be used to defend Washington, said Senstor Tydings (D-Md), if there is a major war in which 'atomic bombs are thrown around. The announcement on the dom-

munications center came from the Pentagon.

The defense department was tight lipped on details, and merely said Plans are going forward for the establishment of a supplemental communications installation at and nearby Camp Ritchie, Md. This site is now being used in part by the Maryland National Guard but may be repossessed by the federal government."

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("The White Tower," starring Glenn Ford, Valli, Claude Rains—RKO. Now playing, through Saturday.) "Many a wonder lives and moves, but the wonder of all is man,— "Antigone," by Sophocles, 445 B. C. The Greeks would be shocked to observe the insignificance of man

Climbing the Alps

The setting is the Swiss Alpashortly following World War II.
Six determined people have been thrown together in a maelstrom of individual conquest. To each of them this single unscaled mountain, the White Tower, presents a different challenge. Carla (Valli) must conquer this obstacle that killed her adventurous father.

#### Roberts to Attend Cotton Congress

Among the matters of special concern to Congress at this time are: (1) The possibility of a third World War: Besides our own nation, Russia is the other major power of the world and is guided by that dectrine of Compunisies.

will be "Cotton's Vital Role". The meeting is being held Thursday and Friday

The Cotton Congress will cover reports on the latest experiments



nes E. Roberts, superintendent

Theme for this year's meeting



1:30 - 3:40 - 5:40 - 7:50 - 10:00



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'White Tower' Photography

Makes Use of Valli and Alps

Behind the Scenes . .

compared to the toilsome struggle up the mountain of life as majes-tically displayed in RKO's "The White Tower."

Director Ted Tetzloff has done a commendable job in retaining a marked interest for the element of flesh when the undeniable strength of "The Tower" is so dominate.

Seeking to prove that he has not lost his youth, Nicholas, the Eng-

of the Main Station Farm at the Agriculture Experiment Station, left Wednesday to attend the annual Cotton Research Congress at

and developments in the field of cotton research, Roberts said.



THURS. thru SAT. FIRST RUN

-Features Start-



lish scientist, joins the party. Paul but Martin's condition is serious. (Claude Rains) the writer who Their choice is to be rending in cannot find in dipsomania the need- either sense.

An ex-Nazi officer (Lloyd Bridges) would make "Tower" a personal conquest to enlighten the world of the validity of Hitler's rantings about the superman. For the Swiss guide (Oscar Holmolka) the ascent merely present a matter of business. Martin (Glenn Ford), a former American pilot, is weary and content, but joins the group to be near Carla.

#### The Weak Go Down

Life is not easily hurdled and the weak and inadequate drop by the wayside. Nicholas is forced to return; the body not so willing as the spirit. The party move slowly upward with only the hated Superman" splitting the harmony. much whisky causes Paul to be left, soliciting the apprehensive promise of a speedy return, but weaknesses are not easily over-come and he completes his symbolic manuscript and his life in rapid

Fearing that Paul might sucumb, the guide returns, and Carla and Martin face the Nazi. He leaves during the night and Martin furiously follows him. A clash of ideal and individuality is unavoidable, and the superman plunges to his death rather than take Martin's

#### Hero Snow-Blinded

A new snew-blind Martin is joined by the guide and Carla Only a few mindred yards stand between the three and their goal,

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