

# Battalion Editorials

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## Welcome Mat for the New Dean . . .

In a meeting last May, the Board of Directors of the A&M System announced the appointment of a new Dean of the College for A&M. Last week, the appointee arrived here with his wife and family.

Dr. Charles Clement French, vice president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute at the time of his appointment, assumed the duties of his office Monday. We wish to take this opportunity to welcome him as a member of the administrative faculty and as chief coordinator of the various schools.

In a position such as that filled by Dr. French, time to become familiarized with the functions of his jobs and the aspects of the different parts of the school is an important factor. Unfortunately for one

in his position, he arrived here just before the beginning of one of the greatest years of A&M history.

The beginning of the Fall semester is hardly more than a month off. The 75th Anniversary activities and the opening of the Memorial Student Center will also make next year, a year filled with much activity. These major and many other minor items will serve to make the Dean's schedule one of the most crowded in many years.

It will undoubtedly take some time for Dr. French to become familiar with the customs and traditions here at A&M, but with aid and consideration from any who may chance to come into contact with him, this condition should be easily remedied.

## 1950 Political 'Quick Switches' . . .

The fight against Communism has become a major campaign issue in the November congressional elections. Carefully mapped campaigns based on domestic issues are being shelved, and new ones are based on the public reaction to the Korean affair. Senators of both parties agree that this issue and the growing domestic problems related to it will be the deciding factor.

The Republicans are criticizing the administration for lack of military preparedness, and failure to prevent open warfare. Senator Capehart of Indiana thinks the people are going to vote Republican "because they are mad about what has happened in Korea and they don't blame Congress for it." Senator Magnuson of Washington said Republicans in his state are beginning to attack Secretary of State Acheson and Secretary of Defense Johnson for their inability to see what was coming and prepare the country for it. Most Democrats are going to pigeon-

hole President Truman's "Fair Deal" for the time being. Republican "isolationism" will be the object of an attack by Democrats who contend that Republican members failed to support measures designed to strengthen our anti-Communist allies. Senator Myers had planned to show how his state of Pennsylvania had benefited from various administration projects, but he now intends to show that those who opposed the military programs and demanded that they be reduced are the ones who are now most vigorous in criticizing the present lack of preparedness.

The school of thought that advocates an all-out effort now is required to prevent war or win the war if it comes seems to be gaining ground. Even with a total effort we would not be ready for a diplomatic showdown with Russia for at least two years. We agree with Anthony Eden's statement that "the danger to peace is very great indeed, and time is not on our side."

## Day Dreamers on the UN Board . . .

There is a belief in United Nations circles that peace may yet be declared. Of course, certain assumed situations must exist first. Several members of the UN, and Secretary General Trygve Lie in particular, have personal ideas as to how the UN peace war against North Korea could be ended without a fight to the finish.

Yet these same men say that no settlement is possible until the Red Koreans have withdrawn behind the 38th parallel. At the present time, the main idea of the UN troops, mostly American, fighting in Korea is to keep from losing any more ground that the overwhelming odds have already taken.

We doubt if any or even a few of our military leaders have considered what to do when and if we are able to bring about conditions in which the Red Koreans will be forced behind the dividing line. They certainly will not withdraw without considerable persuasion after already having overrun most of South Korea with their huge numbers and Russian made weapons.

With the accepted agreement of UN members that peace is out of the question

until we reach the 38th parallel, their plans seem rather foolish and simple. These peace statements are being made by representatives of states and countries whose soldiers are attempting to keep from being obliterated by the peace loving aggressors.

In one of his first press conferences in two weeks, Lie said that he believed Russia was interested in peace, but that he would not go further into details and so on. He also said that he had no evidence that Russia had sent arms to North Korea since the war began June 25. With communiques from the battlefield telling of our losses caused by tanks of Russian design, we question the reliability of the secretary general's informational sources.

Even if Russia is interested in peace, that does not mean that she would even consider it. And what else would we have to sacrifice to realize these ends. It seems as if reliable and resourceful members of the United Nations board are star-gazing and dreaming instead of waking to the grim reality of the present situation.

# The Battalion

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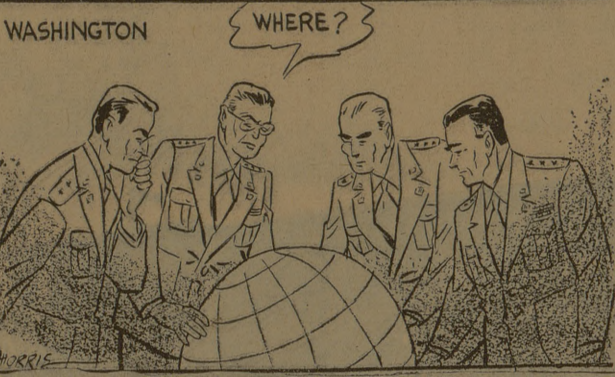
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## A TALE OF TWO CITIES



## Letters To The Editor

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### ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

(Ed. note.—The following letter was addressed "to the writer of the enclosed article." The article attached was a portion of a column written by Battalion City Editor Joel Austin, commenting on recent developments of College Station's fire "situation." That portion of the column is reprinted at the close of the following letter.)

### Dear "Son":

It's not the criticism of the tree and the flowers around the fire plug which gets me—it's the sissy, flippant, half-baked word "dither" which I can't take.

I wish that you could have been my son the other night when the crackling fire awoke us. You would have gone with me into the yard to see flames leaping high into the air and sparks flying through the sky toward vacant lots, dry and parched from lack of rain, toward house tops drier than the grass.

You would not have felt anything so trivial as the word "dither." You would have felt with me horror, fear, despair and said with me, "My God, with this wind the whole of College Hills will burn up."

Ride back to College Hills, son, and we will cut down the worm-eaten tree and pull the old dead zinnias around the fire plug and then we will walk across the road to where the Bogard's home used to be.

While you stand beside me and look into the charred ruins, I will tell you how I saw a mother standing in a little short nightie, clutching her baby in her arms as she watched, red-eyed, and saw everything she owned in the world go up in flames. I'll tell you about a father who had lost everything he had, too, who came back the next morning and stood and looked, and looked and looked.

I will tell you about a grandmother who came as the wail and cried over the uniform of a lieutenant colonel, her son's which lay half-burned in an old rocking chair.

Then with pity in your heart, maybe you will put your arm around my shoulder while I weep for them and silently pray "God, please don't let this happen to me."

### Official Notice

OFFICIAL NOTICE—ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Each graduate student is required to suggest the names of members of the Graduate Faculty he wishes to serve on his committee. They are to consult with the student and outline a complete course of study for his graduate degree early in the student's first semester or summer term. This is designed to insure that the student may know what is to be required of him, and may allow student and well-balanced program each time he registers thereafter.

During the last six-weeks summer term each graduate student is responsible for completing the proper forms and filing his suggestions for his committee. The necessary forms and any suggestions and help needed may be obtained by calling at the office of the Graduate School.

The complete course of study should be on file before the student leaves the campus this summer.

Ida P. Trotter, Dean Graduate School

### WTAW

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- 10:15—W-T-A-W Roundup
- 7:00—Coffee Club
- 7:15—Rotary Club
- 7:30—News of Angieland
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- 8:00—Morning Special
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- 9:30—Homemaker Harmonies
- 9:45—Carmen Cavallaro
- 10:00—Church Women
- 10:15—Music for Thursday
- 10:30—Morning Machine
- 11:00—Sylvan News
- 11:10—Chuckwagon
- 12:00—Texas Farm and Home
- 12:15—Big League Baseball
- 2:35—Scoreboard
- 3:00—Musical Scoreboard
- 3:30—Bingo
- 5:00—Sincerely Yours
- 5:45—Ravy Band
- 6:00—Great Star
- 6:15—Supper Club
- 7:30—Sign Off

## Behind the Scenes . . .

# 'Winchester 73'-Misleading Title But Realistic 'Western'

By FRED WALKER

(Winchester 73; starring James Stewart, Shelley Winters, Dan Duryea, Stephen McNally, Millard Mitchell; Universal-International; now showing at the Palace, Tues. through Sat.)

The greed of man is symbolized by a repeating rifle, and conflict is revealed as the vengeance of a man upon his brother in Universal-International's western "Winchester 73".

Cowhand Jimmie Stewart, aided by side-kick Millard Mitchell, is pursuing Stephen McNally; object, murder. They meet in Dodge City, but are restrained from committing any violent action by the famous marshal, Wyatt Earp. There is a

shooting match in Dodge City, the prize, one of 124 new Winchester repeating rifles. Stewart wins the rifle after a strenuous and remarkable contest against the very man he seeks to kill, but McNally and some ruffians assault the winner and steal the gun.

### Series of Sub-Plots

There follows a series of sub-plots as the rifle passes from McNally's hands into those of a gun-runner, during a crooked poker game. The gun-runner is then killed by an Indian chief who would rather have the new Winchester than the old 30-30's that were to be traded. The chief now goes on the warpath and traps a detachment of soldiers, to whose

company is added the wandering Stewart and a cowardly Charles Drake and finance, ex-dancehall belle, Shelly Winters. The Indians are routed and Stewart and Mitchell ride on, overlooking the rifle which is refused to Drake.

Seeking refuge, Drake is relieved of life and gun by a half-wit, trigger-happy Dan Duryea. Winters goes with the gun. These two join McNally at his hideout where the gang plans a bank hold-up. The Winchester goes back to McNally. At the scene of the prospective crime, Stewart makes his appearance; he shoots Duryea, who does a primitive adagio on the way to the ground. The true story is then revealed by Mitchell; McNally is Stewart's brother, and had long ago killed their father. A pursuit is made of the fleeing McNally and a grim gun-battle ensues before the villain is ultimately killed.

### Title Misleading

The title of the picture is misleading, for the picture is not the story of the Winchester, "The gun that won the West", but that of two men who would kill one another. The Winchester serves only to bring out the characters of the men. A sponge cake could have been the prize at the shooting match and it still would have gone over, for in those days, any opportunity was taken to display marksmanship. All of the extraordinary shooting in the picture was accomplished, not with the miraculous Winchester, but with its younger brother, the 30-30.

Director Anthony Mann strove for realism, and did well enough. The actors were never pushed into overacting, and a true picture of their worth was brought out. Photographer Aaron Rosenberg should be congratulated for a fine job.

Comment: Much better than the average western.

## Interpreting the News . . .

# War in Korea May Be Awakening US

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The Korean War may turn out to be a blessing for the United States. There is bitterness in watching Americans die in a far country; in contemplating fifty billion dollars spent in the last few years on a military establishment which was not prepared even for a small war; in finding America outclassed in tanks and firepower by a tiny oriental satellite of the most backward nation in Europe, however temporary that situation may be.

But prior to June 25, when the Communist tanks crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea, America and her western allies had merely been playing around with preparedness. Security played second fiddle to business as usual.

### Economy First

Not that anyone is particularly to blame. Economic recovery seemed to be, and was, the first order of business in a world where there might be many forms of trouble, but where general war hardly seemed a likelihood.

It may have been whistling in the dark to say that war was inevitable in a world where war always had been inevitable. But sometimes whistling in the dark can prevent a fellow from giving way to the very things he fears.

But now the "war is not inevitable" idea is being subjected to considerable qualification. The thought is growing that, unless

there is a voluntary end to the policies of Communist imperialism, a general war is inevitable, although perhaps it is still not imminent.

If that be true, America may one day thank its lucky stars for Korea.

### School's Out!

Korea has just about closed the be-all and end-all school of atomic worshippers. It is now obvious that there are ways to lose a war, to lose a whole position in the world, without being able to use the bomb. The story of Korea is the story of the G. I. and a new awareness of his importance. As he dies today in small numbers his experience may save lives in vast numbers on another day and another field.

The awakening brought about through the Korean incident may have its greatest and most far-reaching result in lessening that gravest danger to which democracies are prone—too little and too late.

Hitler planned his war for 1943; didn't think he could be ready for it until then. But as his actions in Europe began to mobilize the ill-will of the world against him, he realized, so he said, that never again would conditions be better than they were in 1939. As long as there are dictatorships, unhampered by the necessity of mobilizing the opinion of their own peoples, that can continue to happen.

### Sooner Than 1953

With one communist-initiated war already going, the allies have abandoned their estimate of 1953 as Stalin's "die tag," and are now moving to be prepared to the limit of each day's ability.

If it had not been for French, British and Russian war orders before Pearl Harbor, United States industry would have been in pitiful condition to meet the demands ultimately made upon it. There may be a day when we will wonder what would have happened had not Korea come along at this time.

### May Be Blessing

Yes, if Korea is properly used for the proving ground of men, weapons and ideas, it may yet be a blessing.

For the United States faces not just a "limited operation." She is taking the place of peacekeeper of the world, of the bulwark against barbarism, which Rome and British held in other centuries. It is a job which requires actual strength and "know how" beyond mere willingness.

## Cabinet Heads To Remain In Office - Truman

Washington, Aug. 9.—(AP)—President Truman has put Korean policy critics emphatically on notice that as long as he is President, Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson will stay in the cabinet.

His stern comment came in reply to a news conference question. A reporter stated that Rep. Priest of Tennessee, house democratic whip, had said Acheson and Johnson should resign. The reporter asked presidential reaction.

Asked for comment at Nashville where he was watching the results of the state elections, Priest said: "My Commander-in-Chief has spoken. I have no further comment except to say that regardless of my personal opinion in this matter, he can be assured of my full support in the administration of the nation's affairs and the prosecution of the war."

Mr. Truman, who weeks ago had tartly rejected Republican demands for Acheson's scalp, said he was surprised that the House whip of his own party had made such a statement.

He said Priest had no business doing that. Then, raising his voice he said he wanted to make it plain that Acheson and Johnson are not going to resign as long as he is in the White House.

Priest commented last week in Tennessee that the two cabinet officers should be replaced and said he is using his influence toward the end. He said the change should be made "in the interest of a completely unified effort in the task ahead of us."

## Keims to Return Home September 1

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thomas Keim Jr. will return to College Station September 1, according to reports from friends. Mr. Keim was formerly a professor in the Business Department at A&M.

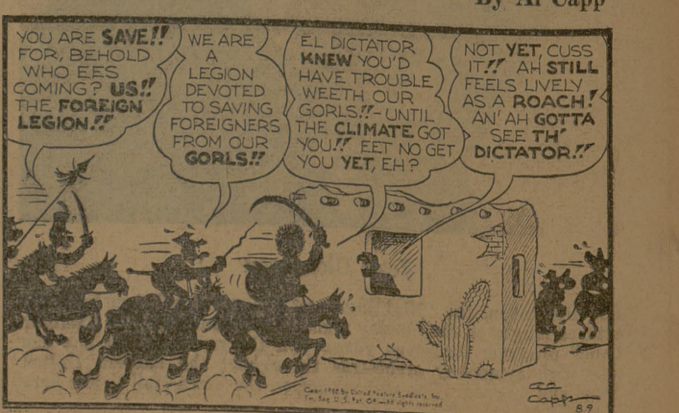
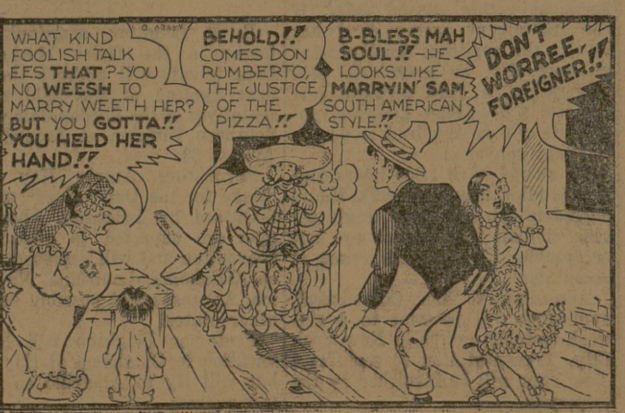
He has been working on his Ph. D. degree at the University of California in Berkeley, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Keim and their new daughter, Kathy, are in the process of getting a residence in College Station.

## Bible Verse

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."—Rom. 8:14.

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## By Al Capp

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