

# Battalion Editorials

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## Atomic Warfare's Double Dangers . . .

All major cities would do well to set up a civilian defense system patterned after the one now being established in Washington, D.C. Congress has appropriated \$300,000 to enable Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young to take the first steps in his progressive plan to prepare the capitol for a sneak atomic attack. Gen. Young is the Army member of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners.

This program was initiated after the publication of a guidebook on civilian defense by the Atomic Energy Commission. Gen. Young said his program would begin with five basic steps:

1. Appoint a full-time civil defense staff.
2. Designate emergency duties of key city agencies such as the police, fire, and water departments.
3. Establish a civil defense head-

quarters with the best communications.

4. Set up a warning system against air raids.
5. Prepare an education campaign to advise citizens of the plan and enlist their cooperation.

Civilians were advised to "take cover quickly—the best cover you can, of course, but above all, get there quickly." The double danger from blast and radiation make this action imperative.

Defense measures cannot be expected to stop a surprise attack by planes, submarines, or enemy agents within our country. An adequate civilian defense program, however, can reduce the effectiveness of such an attack. Until war and atomic weapons are outlawed, we believe that everyone should be informed with regard to the dangers peculiar to this new weapon.

## VJ Day, and Five Years of 'Peace' . . .

Five years ago yesterday, the end of World War II was marked by the surrender of Japan. The world was presumably safe for democracy and everyone felt secure in Roosevelt's belief that Stalin was really in favor of world peace. The universal cry was "it's over—let's go home!" The Russian grand strategy of political and military conquest was not obvious.

The irony of the situation is quite clear in retrospect, but the responsibilities of our position as a major world power are slowly being defined. Political discussions now include re-armament, universal military training, arming the Atlantic Pact nations, stockpiling of strategic materials, support of the United Nations, and outlawing aggression by force.

The future of the world depends upon

our ability to recognize the requirements, and fulfill the obligations of this position. We have made mistakes in the past as a result of our political naivete, but experience, in truth, is a great teacher.

We know now that the old idea of war or peace is obsolete. The present concept is that military war is just one phase of a continual political or ideological war. This has come as a shock to many complacent Americans, who had hoped to see many years of peace and security based on the idea that "we can get along with the Russians."

We believe, however, that the American people will make whatever sacrifices are required to maintain the freedom and integrity of all nations that have joined in the fight against aggression.

## Additional Power for the President . . .

Last week, the House of Representatives approved a bill, the "Defense Production Act of 1950," which would give the President additional authority to take measures for the security and economic stabilization of the nation. The bill is now waiting for Senate approval.

Under the provisions of the bill, the President would be given the right to give contracts or orders which he deems necessary for national defense priority over other contracts. He would also be given the power to establish a ceiling on prices, rentals, commissions, margins, rates, fee charges, or allowances, as well as on wages, salaries and other compensations.

Other subtitles of the bill gives the President the authority to requisition equipment, expedite production and deliveries, and to prescribe regulations with respect to consumer and real estate credit.

Members of the House of Representatives have deemed it necessary that the

President receive the extra powers for the preservation of national defense. Whether the Senatorial body will view them with the same attitude is yet to be seen. If the upper congressional group approves the provisions passed by the Representatives, the bill will be sent to the President for his approval, and the aspects of the bill will go into effect immediately.

However, if the Senate refuses to accept the bill as it is, it must be sent to a committee composed of members of both houses to attempt to reach a compromise. The revised editions of the bill must then be approved by the House and the Senate.

A democratic nation would not ordinarily be as lenient with the powers allocated for the President's use unless emergency conditions existed. With the present conditions in foreign countries, we feel that this is an emergency, and that the President should be given full control powers.

Why shouldn't professional humorists be sad looking fellows with radio comedians waiting around to steal the gags they haven't thought of yet.

# The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions  
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## GIVING HIM HIS LUMPS



## Interpreting the News . . .

# Reds Were Allies Just 5 Years Ago

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AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Five years ago, on Aug. 14, the war with Japan came to an end. The smoke of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had hardly settled. Russia had become America's ally in that war only a few days before, and would remain so only for a few days more, when it would become apparent, in the stripped industrial plants of Manchuria and the rearmament Chinese Communist armies, why she had been so willing to join in.

Americans celebrated in the streets as word flashed across the nation that Hirohito had ordered the cease fire. They were oblivious to the fact that Aug. 14 also was the anniversary of another American military victory in Asia, one that occurred 50 years ago, but which had much to do with our ultimate involvement in all the affairs of the Orient.

The United States had become involved in Asia through the forceful opening of Japanese ports to our trade, and through the war with Spain which puts us in the Philippines. Her interest in China traced to the days and ways of the Clipper captains. But not until the ending of the Boxer rebellion by the capture of Peking on Aug. 14, 1900, did American policy play any great role among the German, British, French, Russian and Japanese exploiters of Asia. U. S. troops joined the others in suppressing the anti-foreign boxers.

The United States, in those days, was teetering between the advocates of imperialism and the proponents of morality in foreign affairs who were destined to capture the state department during World War I. In 1900 some Americans were still talking about using Alaska as the springboard for war in Siberia and the establishment of hegemony over all the Pacific area.

John Hay's proposal for an "open door" in China was com-

pounded of America's desire for an even break with other countries in exploiting China as well as of consideration for China's integrity—which in itself was an essential to such an even break. But altruism gradually got the upper hand, reparations for the Boxer Rebellion were gradually remitted and finally renounced, and as China moved toward Republicanism the American attitude verged closely on sponsorship. For 25 years the Americans were not quite such "foreign devils" in oriental eyes as were the other western powers. Her imperialism had been that of a fledgling power, not seriously pushed.

The United States also moved to protect her Pacific interests in the settlement of the Russo-Japanese war, and was active in compounding the felony which turned Korea over to the Japanese at that time.

In Asia, the years are short and history is extremely long. It is just as well to remember some of this background as we once more get up to their ears in their politics.

## Williams Named C of C Chairman

Appointment of R. I. Bernath of Bryan, and D. W. Williams of College Station, as community chairmen for the East Texas Chamber of Commerce in Brazos County has been announced by Paul Carrington of Dallas, president of the regional chamber.

Selection of these men to serve in this capacity was made upon the recommendation of Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, Bryan, county chairman for Brazos County, and with the approval of H. E. Burgess of College Station, a director. "The appointment of these community chairmen will aid our organization in direct contacts with Brazos County people and will keep our organization advised of their wishes in our practical program at the local level," Hubert M. Harrison, general manager, said.

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- 6:30—The Freedom Story
- 6:15—Supper Club
- 7:30—Sign Off

- Wednesday
- 6:00—Texas Farm & Home
  - 6:15—W-TAW Roundup
  - 6:45—Today in Agriculture
  - 7:00—Coffee Club
  - 7:30—News of Agrieland
  - 7:45—Hebrew Christian Hour
  - 8:00—Morning Special
  - 9:00—Concert Hall
  - 9:30—Homemaker Harmonies
  - 9:45—Bob Eberly
  - 10:00—Disk Haynes
  - 10:15—Music for Wednesday
  - 10:30—Morning Matinee
  - 11:00—Bryan News
  - 11:30—Chuckwagon
  - 12:00—Texas Farm and Home
  - 12:15—Big League Baseball
  - 2:05—Scoreboard
  - 3:00—Musical Scoreboard
  - 3:30—Bingo
  - 5:00—United Nations
  - 5:15—Requestfully Yours
  - 5:45—Tommy Dorsey
  - 6:00—Family Worship Hour
  - 6:15—Supper Club
  - 7:30—Sign Off

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## Behind the Scenes . . .

# 'Furies' Utilizes All Known Techniques But Falls Short

By FRED WALKER

"The Furies"—at the Campus, Sunday through Wednesday, starring Walter Huston, Barbara Stanwyck, Judith Anderson, Wendell Corey, Thomas Gomez, Gilbert Roland, Albert Dekker, Paramount.

Hal B. Wallis' production of Niven Busch's novel about a New Mexican land barony in the final decade of the last century inclines to epic dimensions.

A broad canvas, a diffusive narrative, a sturdy cast and liberal footage testify to that. But throughout the unfolding of this rawboned account of the greed that flowed in the veins of cattle king Walter Huston and his headstrong daughter, Barbara Stanwyck, pulls the "omertiness" that stood out in the characters of virtually all with whom they came in contact, there is unmistakable evidence that the producer yielded to the temptation to make an epic out of

what was fundamentally a routine Western drama. The evidence is over-stretched episodes, drawn-out sequences, a constant and obvious striving for sharp character outlines and subordination of physical action to dialogue.

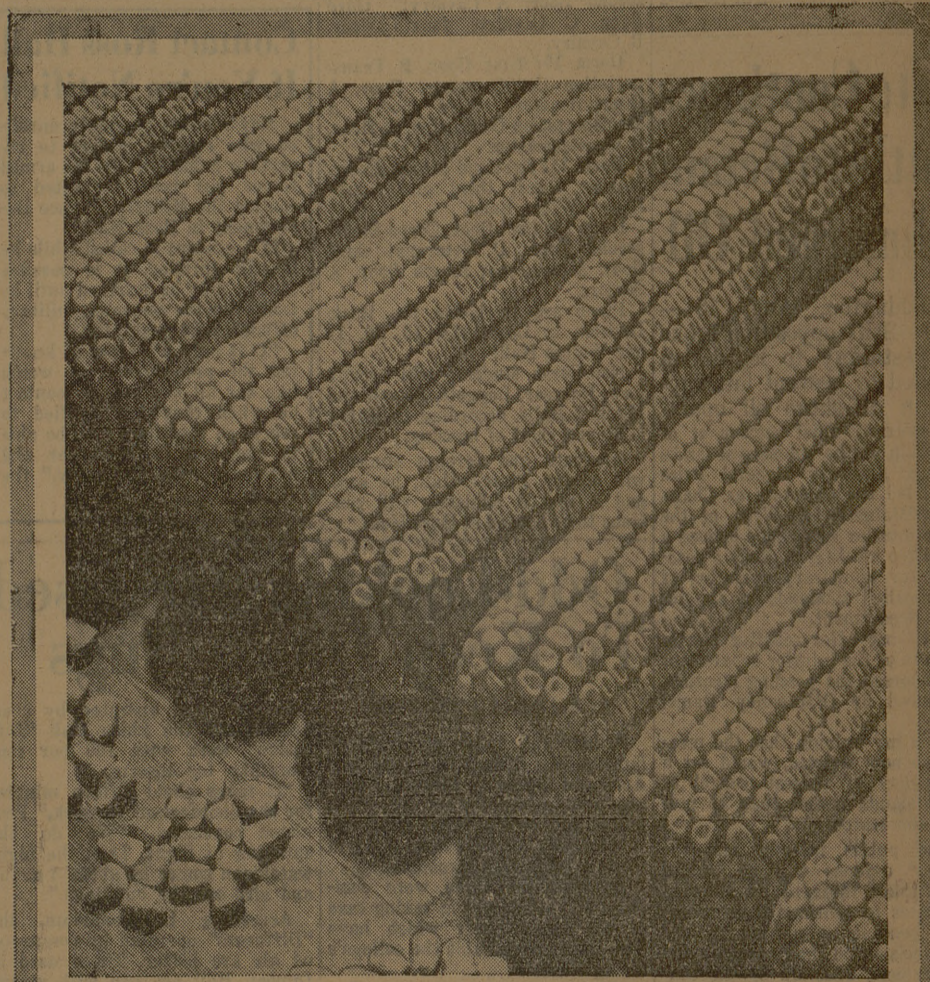
Portrayals scarce  
And all the effort put into char-

acter delineation notwithstanding, there is barely a performance in "The Furies" that is clothed in solid conviction. It seems that what could have been a 70-minute bang-up Western emerges as a somewhat ponderous saga whose inherent entertainment values are relatively few and wide apart.

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