

World Situation At a Glance

Russia Charges Plane Attack

Moscow, Sept. 7—(AP)—Russia charged last night that a Soviet bomber shot down in Korea Bay Monday was the victim of an unprovoked attack by 11 American fighter planes. It said three Russian fliers lost their lives.

A Soviet note to the American government broadcast by Moscow radio said the Russian plane was on a training flight and carried "neither bombing nor torpedo armament." It did not say the plane was unarmed, but said it did not fire on the American planes or even approach American warships.

Warning of the possibly "serious consequences" of such incidents, the note demanded:

- A strict investigation.
- Punishment of the persons responsible.
- Compensation for the loss of the lives of the three fliers and the destruction of their plane.

Bill Asks Communist Camps

Washington, Sept. 7—(AP)—The Senate today debated whether Communists should be required to register or be thrown into concentration camps in time of war or other national emergency.

Backed by five Democratic colleagues, Senator Kilgore (D-W Va) introduced a bill embodying the internment camp treatment as a safeguard against spies, sabotage and subversives.

Reds Cast 44th Veto

Lake Success, Sept. 7—(AP)—Russia cast her 44th veto yesterday to kill a United States proposal calling on all countries to refrain from helping the Korean Communists.

The security council majority then rejected a Soviet demand for withdrawal of all U. N. forces from Korea.

The two proposals had been before the council for five weeks, but had been caught up in the bitter procedural blockade imposed by Russia's Jacob A. Malik during his month as Council president.

AF Undecided on Anderson

Washington, Sept. 7—(AP)—The Air Force indicated today it will decide the future status of Maj. Gen. Orvil Anderson, suspended commandant of the Air War College, before considering whether he should keep a date to speak at Fort Worth, Texas, late this month.

Anderson will be free to speak if he is restored to duty as commandant of the Air War College, but cannot speak if removed from his post.

Pentagon Accused of 'Siesta'

Washington, Sept. 7—(AP)—A senate preparedness subcommittee accused the Pentagon today of "Siesta Psychology" in handling war material for the Korean fighting.

It proposed a shakeup of the munitions board and called for "more imaginative and far-sighted men" to direct the stockpiling of critical defense items.

The group said proper handling of the nation's rubber resources by the board might head off a need for nationwide speed limits and truck-loading controls like those invoked in World War II.

Second Annual Rotary Square Dance Tonight

Mickey McBride and his "Melodions" have been engaged to furnish music for the Bryan-College Station Rotary Club's second annual square dance the evening of Sept. 7 at the Grove from 8 p. m. until midnight, according to G. W. Schlesselman.

Manning Smith will be master of ceremonies and 18 local and out-of-town callers will demonstrate their special techniques in leading the dancers through their paces.

An exhibition team of "stair-stoppers" from Mrs. G. W. Schlesselman's square dance class is scheduled to demonstrate several popular figures.

The "stair-stoppers" are Louise and Carol Thompson, Ann and Gail Schlesselman, Jerry Oden, Johnny Lyon, and Craig and Kenney Thompson. Manning Smith said that several feature acts of out-of-town talent are being arranged also.

The better-known square dancers from the surrounding counties have been invited and the dance is open to the public.

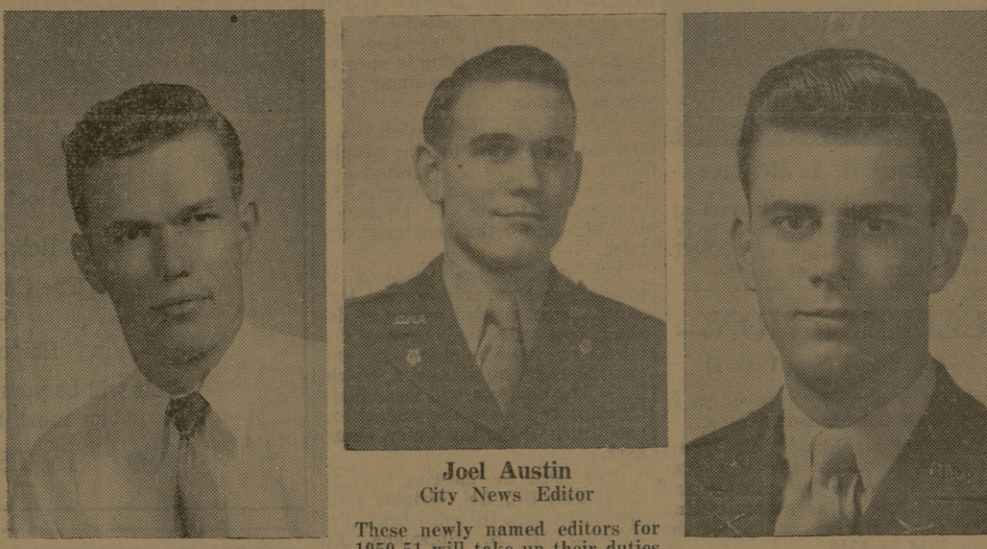
Tickets are \$2 per couple, tax included, and \$1 for spectators, tax included. Refreshments will be served.

Swoger Assigned To Fort Monroe

Lt. Col. Frank R. Swoger of Verona, Penn., former assistant professor of military science and tactics at A&M has been assigned to the Ordnance Section, Chief of Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Va.

At the Chief of Army Field Forces office Col. Swoger will work on budget authorization for ordinance equipment and special supply requirements for the Army in the field, including the combat forces.

Battalion Editors



Sid Abernathy
Campus News Editor

Joel Austin
City News Editor

Frank Manitzas
Sports Editor

These newly named editors for 1950-51 will take up their duties with the first regular issue of The Battalion, September 18.

Established in 1925 . . .

School of Arts and Sciences Now Includes 40% of Faculty

While the name of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas indicates that it is an institution offering technical instruction, some 40 per cent of its faculty is employed in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of arts and sciences, points out that, while A&M is more widely known for its schools of agriculture and engineering, major courses are offered

in such liberal arts subjects as English, history, modern languages and journalism.

"Although agriculture and engineering have properly been emphasized from the beginning," says Dean Abbott, "even the first offerings of the college included a course in language and literature. And in 1885 a course was offered leading to a degree in the sciences.

Service School

"As other arts and science courses were added in response to demand, the principal function of the arts and science departments remained to supply the special needs and necessary general education of agricultural and engineering students."

For many years the courses and departments were administered by the dean of the college, Dean Abbott points out, but about 1925, the program had grown to such an extent that it was necessary to create the School of Arts and Sciences.

Charles E. Friley, now president of Iowa State College, was the first dean. He was charged with enlarging the service of these departments through the administration of curricula leading to degrees in science and the liberal arts.

Under Dr. T. D. Brooks, who succeeded Friley in 1932, the school made substantial progress, as its offerings were increased to meet new needs.

There presently are 14 departments in the school, including biology, business administration, chemistry, economics, education and psychology, English, geography, history, journalism, mathematics, modern languages, oceanography, physical education and physics.

Business is Largest

The Business Administration Department, which offers eight separate major fields, had 940 majors in 1949-50, more than any other department of the college.

The newly established Oceanography Department offers work at senior and graduate levels only, and only a minor is available in geography.

Students may major in any of the other departments, with many of them offering graduate courses and several offering graduate degrees.

The Biology Department trains premedical and pre dental students and specialists in three basic divisions of life science—botany, bacteriology and zoology.

A three-year pre-law curriculum offered by the school is accepted for admittance at all Texas law schools. The curricula closely parallels that of a history major with an economics minor.

Various churches have been authorized to offer courses in religious education open to students of junior and senior standing. Fifteen such courses are offered under this plan, with a maximum of six hours in religious education creditable toward a degree.

PO Moves Into
New Quarters

The Sub-Station Post Office at the Memorial Student Center is now open and is carrying on its normal functions.

Besides the 1,585 post office boxes transferred from the old South Station at Campus Corner, an additional 1,458 new boxes and related equipment is due in now and will be installed as soon as it arrives, according to Ernest Gregg superintendent of the Sub-Station.

These new boxes will bring the total to 3,043 boxes and are expected to be sufficient for all students desiring them. Freshmen living in dorms 14, 15, 16, 17, and Walton Hall and students living in Wilmer should rent their post office boxes from the main post office at North Gate, Gregg said.

Approximately 850 boxes in the old bunch brought over from the South Station are unrented, as are all the new boxes.

When asked how he likes A&M after his first few weeks here, he answered by saying "I wish they would let me stay here until I'm an old goat and retired."

Col. Napier and his family now reside in Marty Karow's former home at 300 Hereford in College Park. The Napier's have a son 19 and daughter, 17.

Truman Letter Repents Marine Corps Slander

Washington, Sept. 7—(AP)—President Truman told the U. S. Marines today he sincerely regrets the "unfortunate choice of language" he used in calling them a naval police force with a propaganda machine "almost equal to Stalin's."

The President acted at the height of a 24-hour capital-to-Korea storm of bitter protest against his remarks about the Marines in a letter to Rep. McDonough (R-Calif.).

Mr. Truman called Gen. Clifton B. Cates, Marine Corps Commandant, to the White House late in the day and personally handed him a letter which began:

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Describing himself as "concerned" over the furor his remarks had aroused, the President also asked that his I'm-sorry letter

Interpreting the News . . .

Truman too Smart To 'Mean' Attack

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President Truman has moved to appease the wrath which descended upon him because of his references to the U. S. Marines as a "the Navy's police force" having a "propaganda machine that is almost equal to Stalin's."

The President made his statements in reply to a letter from a Republican congressman who was seeking Marine representation on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. No one has arisen to defend either the words or the President's action in uttering them, beyond pointing out that he may have slipped into ill-considered shortness of temper because of the pressure under which he has been working lately.

"Poor Vehicle" Says Truman

It was possible to read as much meanness as you wish into the statements, or to consider them poor vehicles for the point the President was trying to make—that the Marines are not to be magnified out of what he considers their proportion. The President chooses the "poor vehicle" line.

Mr. Truman is too smart a politician to launch a deliberate attack on something he knows is a "pet" of the entire American people. The public itself has reacted to the Marine record by becoming a part of the Corps' propaganda machine. Motion pictures, books,

phrases like "Tell it to the Marines" are natural responses to the small organization of fighting men who trace their history back to the American revolution.

It is a Corps which can truthfully retort that its heavy artillery and tank battles in Belleau Wood and the Argonne were no police actions, and that the Nak-tong line in Korea is not truly a matter of conducting "such land operations as may be essential to the prosecution of a Naval campaign." That is the primary assigned purpose of the Corps under the law.

Propaganda Not Like Stalin's

The President could hardly be intended to mean that the Marine propaganda machine compared with Stalin's in baseness, untruth, and immoral intent. He must have been thinking about intensity, solidity, extent, and the bitter fight for preservation of Marine identity during the development of the armed forces unification program.

The universal regard for the Marines in the United States is a natural result of its type of organization.

But Truman said the words, and men who may die tomorrow, in the tradition of a Corps in which they take tremendous pride, have taken what is to some of them more than a bodily hurt. Mr. Truman obviously regrets that, but does not retreat from his stand on the Corps position.

College, City Officials Discuss Anniversary

A meeting of college officials, leading citizens of Bryan and College Station, and the mayors of the two cities is scheduled for Saturday at the Bryan Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of studying plans for the 75th anniversary celebration, according to C. W. Crawford, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Similar meetings have been called during the past two weeks after it was realized that the communities of Bryan and College Station were not taking advantage of the opportunity to participate in the anniversary celebration, Crawford said.

Celebration Oct. 4

On Oct. 4, the college will celebrate the first opening of the college in 1876 with a program which closely follows the opening exercises some 74 years ago. The governor of the state will speak, there will be a parade of the cadet corps, the various departments in the college will be open, and a reception by the president will be held.

It is desired that people in this vicinity and throughout the state should be informed of this event, Crawford said at a meeting Tuesday where a committee was elected to fulfill this aim.

Members of the committee are Ernest Langford, mayor of Col-

Y' Barbershop to Open Temporarily

The YMCA Barber Shop will re-open Friday and will remain open until the barber shop in the Memorial Student Center is ready for operations, according to C. F. Gent, assistant director and business manager of the MSC. Business hours will be from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m., Monday through Saturday.

W. H. Freiberger is the manager of the YMCA Barber Shop and will manage the MSC Barber Shop also. Freiberger came to the campus in 1940 and was connected with the Varsity Barber Shop at Campus Corner until it closed.

Other barbers in the YMCA Shop are J. R. Schopper, Eddie Novosad, and E. D. Cunningham.

The Memorial Student Center Barber Shop will probably be open by Nov. 1. Opening of the shop has been delayed because new furniture and fixtures have not yet arrived. Upon its opening, additional barbers will be added to the staff.

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be read at the annual convention of the Marine Corps League, which opened here today amid frank-and-fide denunciation of the President's remarks.

President Clay Nixon did read the letter to the indignant membership, and the tempest subsided in cheers and scattered boos.

The uproar began with publication of Mr. Truman's letter to McDonough in the Congressional Record. The congressman had written the President urging equal representation for the Marines on the joint chiefs of staff, along with the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Mr. Truman said no, then added:

Navy's Police Force

"The Marine Corps is the Navy's police force and as long as I am president that is what it will remain. They have a propaganda machine that is almost equal to Stalin's."

Today, praising the Marines' "magnificent history" over 175 years, the President declared that he intended to say these things in his letter to McDonough:

"The Marines, as part of the Navy department, already are represented on the joint chiefs of staff by the chief of naval operations."

Many pleas for direct representation "are the result of propaganda inspired by individuals who may not be aware of the best interest of our defense establishment as a whole." But, Mr. Truman added, "I am certain that the Marine Corps itself does not indulge in such propaganda."

Explains Comment

"When I spoke of the Marines as the 'Navy's police force,' the President said, 'I had in mind its immediate readiness for service with the fleet in the seizure or defense of established naval bases and for the conduct of such land operations as may be essential to the prosecution of a naval campaign.'"

Mr. Truman said he would continue to "support and maintain" the Marine Corps as a separate unit vital to America's security.

He ended his letter by predicting that the Marines would add "new laurels" to their career by their exploits in Korea today.

Gen. Cates, smiling broadly as he left the White House with Mr. Truman's letter, told reporters the Marines were "very gratified to receive this letter."

Nixon, who earlier had demanded a presidential apology on behalf of the Marine Corps League, called the matter a "closed incident."

Temperatures Drop

On Capitol Hill, where the protests against Mr. Truman's remarks began, there was a similar lowering of temperatures.

Senator Mundt (R-SD) said: "Good! If the President would follow that by a retraction of his equally unfortunate statement that communism in this country is a red herring, we would indeed have cause for gratification."

At previous meetings such men as J. Edgar Hoover and Lucius Clay have been considered. No decision has yet been reached, however, according to Crawford.

Plans have also been made to provide a noon lunch at Kyle Field for those attending the celebration. This will be in the form of a picnic lunch, he said.

'Going To Get It'

Sheriff William C. Harris of Savannah, Ga., called Mr. Truman "an incompetent nincompoop" and declared:

"I gave up three of the best years of my life to be able to get up and give the President of this great country hell and, —it, he is going to get it now."

Another delegate, Art Edelstein of Detroit, shouted from the floor: "I would like to see the Marine Corps League send haberdashery Harry Truman by registered mail a volume of the Marine Corps history—and I'll pay the charges."

All day long there were indications at the White House that the President planned some action to quiet the roar of protest. One of the presidential aides said the action which finally came was taken after a great deal of soul-searching.

Nixon said before the President's letter came that he was willing to drop the matter in the interest of national unity.

"This is the time to get the country in shape for a shooting war," the Marine Corps League head told newsmen.