

The Battalion

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As the lethargy of Summer drops away and thoughts once more turn to Fall and the manifold activities of the college season A&M students may look to the prospect of a more than active program throughout the year as the college enters its seventy-fifth anniversary as a state

institution. Through the year a co-ordinated celebration program coupled with the opening of the Memorial Student Center will intensify campus activity and spotlight student life more than ever before in the history of the college.

Marshall OK Rushed; Defense Men to Quit

Washington, Sept. 14 (AP)—Some of Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson's official pentagon family are expected to depart soon as an aftermath of the cabinet officer's resignation.

Washington protocol calls for appointed officials of a department to offer their resignations whenever the department chief is replaced.

There was speculation that assistant Defense Secretary Paul H. Griffith, long a Johnson associate, would be among the first to step out in what may develop into a general shift in the pentagon secretariat.

All six members of that group are presidential appointees, with Senate approval.

The customary procedure is for these officials to proffer their resignations to the incoming secretary who may or may not forward them to the White House. If he wants an official to stay on, he holds up the resignation letter and asks the man to remain.

In addition to Griffith, these are the other two assistant defense secretaries and the three service secretaries.

Wilfred J. McNeil, assistant secretary in charge of fiscal and budgetary matters; Marx Leva, assistant secretary for legislative and legal matters and the chief liaison officer with Congress.

Three Secretaries
Army Secretary Frank Pace;
Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews; Air Force Secretary Thomas Finletter.

Washington, Sept. 14—(AP)—The Senate jumped ahead of the House today in the rush to clear the way for Gen. George C. Marshall to re-enter the cabinet as secretary of defense.

There was a chance the Senate would pass today and the House tomorrow a bill saying that in this one case it is all right for a military man to take over the post reserved by law for a civilian.

Senate Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois, predicting easy passage, looked for a spot in the program to bring the bill up today.

Yet some rumblings of opposition rolled up. They were directed not against Marshall as an individual, nor against his qualifications, but against making an exception even for him.

Some lawmakers said, too, it is strange that among 150,000,000 Americans there isn't somebody else with enough stature for the job, without drafting a man who already has served as soldier and statesman and earned the right to retire.

Opposition Scarce

These complaints came mostly from Republicans. But there was no organized opposition. And it was obvious that what there was didn't pack enough punch to stop President Truman's new Marshall plan, either in the Senate or House.

For the most part, congressmen were in wide agreement this time (See JOHNSON, Page 5)

Troops to Get Beer MacArthur Orders

Tokyo, Sept. 14 (AP)—U. S. doughboys will get a free can of beer every day at the front in Korea.

General MacArthur ordered it today.

Front line troops had been getting a can of beer about every three days.

They set up a howl Tuesday when Washington outlawed all free beer for men at the front.

Beer for combat troops under the new plan will be paid for out of post exchange profits instead of taxpayers' money.

To keep the record straight, Maj. Gen. William A. Beiderlinden, assistant chief of staff to General MacArthur, said the free beer will be for combat men only.

Rear echelon troops may buy their own at the PX.

WCTU Opposes

Denver, Sept. 14 (AP)—There will be no beer for American fighting men in Korea if the Women's Christian Temperance Union has its way.

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, head of the WCTU—which opened its 76th annual convention here today—said last night.

"Most Americans see no reason for alcoholic beverages being given our soldiers. There are a great many reasons why any and all drinking in the military services should be outlawed."

She called for congressional action to "protect drafted youngsters against alcoholism."

Combat soldiers in Korea have been offered a can of free beer daily, paid for by the government from public funds. Recently there were protests from the folks back home and now, although the beer distribution continues, it will be paid for from such sources as post exchange profits.

On Agenda

Mrs. Colvin said the question of mixing beer and fighting will rank high on the convention's agenda.

She made these specific statements:

- Congress will be urged to out-

Welcome . . .

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the A&M College of Texas, I am happy to extend a cordial welcome to all students of the College—those who are enrolling for the first time and those returning from a vacation. May this prove to be the happiest and most successful year of your school career. May you receive the training you desire in preparation for your life ahead, both in the field of your chosen profession and also for outstanding citizenship.

We face a critical period in our history. All that we hold dear and all that has made us strong, both as a nation and as individuals, are being put to a very severe and critical test by opposing forces. How important it is to gain, in addition to your technical training, an understanding and an appreciation of the American form of democracy. I hope this will be one of the objectives of your college education.

Those of you who are starting your college education will be registered in the newly created Basic Division. The objectives of this new plan are to give the beginning college student the benefit of counseling and guidance in regard to his program of study and, if necessary, to permit a student to change his course of study while registered in the Basic Division. A student will make his greatest academic achievement when he is pursuing a course of study for which he has aptitude and in which he is interested. We feel that the plan of the Basic Division is a forward step.

This school year will be the 75th year of the College, and the committee in charge is planning several outstanding programs during the year. These should prove to be both entertaining and educational. I hope you will take advantage of every opportunity to participate in the events celebrating the 75th anniversary of the oldest state supported school of higher education in Texas.

We are glad that it is now possible to have all of our students on the main campus. Also, we are rejoicing over the completion of our Memorial Student Center. It will fill an important place in our campus life.

We are anticipating a great school year in 1950-51, and this can be realized by the help and cooperation of students, faculty and staff. Let's make this the greatest year of all seventy-five in the history of A&M.

M. T. Harrington



Miss Texas
Margaret Sue Sommers of Dallas as she represented Texas in the bathing suit preliminary contest in Atlantic City, N.J.

West German Security Plans Pushed

New York, Sept. 14 (AP)—The Big Three Foreign Ministers drove toward basic decisions on western German political and security problems today, with apparently good prospects of agreement on these points:

- The United States, Britain and France should take practical measures as rapidly as possible to end the state of war which still exists between them and the west German government.
- Germany should be given a larger, more mobile and better equipped police force to meet the

Communist challenge of internal subversion and sabotage.

● West German security against outright Red aggression continues to be primarily a responsibility of the three occupation powers but at some future time provision must be made for the Germans to share this responsibility.

On the specific proposal that German military units should be formed as part of a unified western defense force, some diplomats believe no firm decision may be made for the time being.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, for whom this issue presents tough political problems back home, is understood to have raised objections about action now, in advance of the actual formation of European defense forces under the North Atlantic treaty.

The conference went into its third day with Schuman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin scheduled to get together at 9:30 a.m. (EST) for another six hours or so of roundtable negotiating.

This was originally supposed to be the last day of the three-power talks. But so many problems, including all those of the Middle East and Far East, have had to be pushed back in the interest of European defense and German political and security issues that it now seems likely the three will meet again next weekend.

War Wreckage Reminds Germans to Be Bitter

By KING EGGER
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What a grand thing if all our students could spend a week at this international student house. Here we have young people of 15 and you gain a new outlook when different nationalities, many who speak only their native tongue, others who speak three or four languages fluently.

You certainly learn a lot of patience when you must use an interpreter to speak with a friend, and you see the barrier that language puts between people who enjoy sharing their ideas, their opinions, and even their jokes.

There are many other factors, true, which add to that barrier, but I've been amazed to find in England, France, and now Germany how much people are alike. We all share the feelings of pride, and the desire to live more useful lives, and the hope for peace and security.

quite well how some Germans feel toward Americans. "American bombs destroyed this church!" they yelled, and "What do you guys have to say about Korea?"

Well, we didn't answer, but ever since we've been trying to find some answers. I should have liked to tell them. "True, American bombs did destroy this church, though they were intended for another target. But you mustn't forget that ours were not the only bombs that fell.

beauty of music. And they probably have good enough reason to believe thusly.

As one youth put it, "My family has for generations held sacred the music of the old masters. You can imagine how shocked and disgusted we were to hear Mozart jazzed up on an Armed Forces Network program." And it took hours of talking to show him that there are all opinions, all tastes in America, as in Germany, and that the freedom of choice is the thing that makes something like the love of good music sacred to us.

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No Welcome Mat
But it hasn't been all "Welcome American". Waiting for a train at Kassel, we took a walk through the town to see for the first time the actual results of Allied bombing raids. In England, with rubble cleared away and rebuilding progressing nicely, you notice far less the terrible devastation of war.

Here the evidences of war lay on every hand and you are quite aware of the affect of a brutal war. Twisted skeletons of steel haunt you with the realization that the minds and bodies of many victims of the recent world struggle are twisted even more grotesquely. Bitterness and resentment, though we have found less than you'd think, are understandable, for we, too, suffered the heartaches of war.

Barbarians

I have found throughout Europe, but particularly here in Germany, that so many people look upon Americans as a sort of barbarians—a race of people who have a far-advanced, mechanized civilization, with fine cars, refrigerators, washing machines, and big houses, but completely devoid of any culture . . . no appreciation of art or the

But in that talk I became very aware of our responsibility to the

MSC Opens Doors Tonight

A&M's sparkling new and ultra-modern Memorial Student Center swings into action over the week-end for the first time. First big event planned for the edifice is the President's Reception for Freshman Students at 7 p.m. tonight in the Ball Room.

At 5 p.m. tomorrow night the Center opens its doors for partial operation. And from there on the building will be in continuous use.

Although several meetings are planned for the building within the next week, the informal opening of the Center to students will not take place until next Thursday, Sept. 21. The formal opening will be held at a later date as yet unannounced.



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President of the College

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