

'The Government Taketh Away' . . .

For years some of the best political minds in the United States have been warning us of our greatest threat to the American way of life—a powerful, power-mad, federal bureaucracy.

This trend of American government, started with the inauguration of Franklin Roosevelt and continued for nearly twenty years, is just as menacing and nearly as terrifying to our Constitutionally minded statesmen as is the threat of Communism.

The Justice Department has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to make Texas and Louisiana account for all the money received from oil developments in the Gulf of Mexico tidelands since June 23, 1947, the date on which the Supreme Court decided

that the federal government has paramount rights in the offshore tidelands of California.

Not content with defeating Texas' claim to the tidelands, the Fair Dealers feel that the Federal government has a retroactive claim to anything Texas has already taken from this area.

The only way the millions which Texas received from its tidelands oil can be repaid to the Federal government is by taking it from Texans through taxes.

To paraphrase an old maxim: "The government taketh away, and the government giveth. Blessed be the name of the government."

'Failing Economy' -- in the United States? . . .

Have the economic standards of the United States reached proportions near the collapsing point?

A few months ago many people were fond of their abilities of extolling the demerits of our failing economy and seemed pleased with themselves for being aware of the falsity.

Before the Korean war, defense spending to exceed the \$18 billion mark was viewed with skepticism. We are now headed for defense spending on the order of \$45 or \$50 billion.

Defense spending will be high if we are to maintain standing armies for national defense. Non-defense spending will rise correspondingly if we are to carry out a rearmament program.

such as the United States should be able to assume the extra amounts.

The President's council of economic advisors too does not believe that economic failure is inevitable, and have presented data to prove their point.

Our economy is powerful! So powerful that it can stand a heavy load for a long time without any disastrous collapse in the standard of living.

Which Sacrifice -- An Ally or An Ideal? . . .

In this Uncle Sugar era, John Q. Public is coming to believe that our government is using no discrimination whatever in giving away the precious American dollar.

Even in this day of atomic warfare, Spain offers us an invaluable natural fortress in Europe.

The question of aiding Spain will force the United States to make a bitter sacrifice—a very important ideal or a military ally.

To aid Franco, Spain-aid opponents point out, would completely destroy the illusion that the North Atlantic Pact is a union of free and democratic countries.

The opponents of U.S. aid to Spain have lost sight of the original aims of our European reconstruction program: (1) to stop the spread of Communism in Europe, and thereby build a bulwark between Russia and the U.S. and, (2) to save ourselves from an economic depression by bolstering up Europe's tottering finances.

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Restraint Bill For Communist Activity Coming

By G. MILTON KELLY

Senate-House conferees have tentatively agreed on the final terms of a bill aimed at hobbling Communist activities in this country.

Among other things, the measure calls for internment—without the right of habeas corpus—of dangerous Reds in time of invasion, insurrection in the cause of a foreign power, or rebellion.

Broadly, however, the compromise bill follows terms of a Senate-approved Communist control bill adopted earlier in the week.

Terms Unannounced

Senator McCarran (D-Nev), conference chairman forbade official announcement of the terms. He said he won't consider a real agreement has been reached until the last "T" is crossed, and the last conferee has signed the recommendations, probably Monday.

The measure then would go to the House, which has agreed to vote on nothing before Wednesday. Informed senators said this is what the measure's internment provisions will do.

The attorney general, on complaint showing "reasonable cause" for suspicion, could have dangerous Reds or other subversive characters thrown into jail to be held indefinitely with or without trial.

May Appeal Case

The internees would have recourse of appeal to examiners, and next to a review or detention board, the findings of which could be reversed by either the attorney general or the courts in due time.

Other provisions reportedly agreed on would (a) require the registration of Communist or Communist front groups, (b) bar such persons from employment on national defense projects, and (c) stiffen penalties for conspiracy to overthrow the government.

The measure rejects proposals that mere membership in an organization declared subversive would be evidence of conspiracy against the government.

The Senate version of the measure would have allowed internment in event of war, but informants said the conferees stuck to invasion, insurrection or rebellion "to make sure it's constitutional."

They said the constitution has similar language for suspension of habeas corpus rights, and the provision strengthens the President's hand.

The bill goes much farther than President Truman had asked, in proposing new legal weapons against spies and Communists.

Whether he will sign or veto the measure in its present form is a matter of much speculation. He declined earlier in the week to elaborate on a previous statement that he'd veto any measure that he feels might endanger American liberties.

Tooth Pulling

Malakal, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan—A native of this upper Nile province obtained a prized crocodile tooth charm the hard way.

A crocodile bit him, leaving one tooth behind in the process. The tooth was discovered at the hospital. The bite itself turned out not to be serious.

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Sept. 19—(AP)—Americans have a good chance to prove the Communists are right. It will be ironic if they do.

The Russian Communist leaders take a pretty dim view of the instincts in mankind. For instance, selfishness.

They don't trust people to curb their own selfishness and, by reasonable and fair conduct with one another, keep the economy intact.

So the Communist leadership imposes iron controls on all phases of living, including prices, wages, ownership of property, and so on.

By their control of prices and wages, for example, they can limit the ability of the people to buy or hoard goods or food.

Our Theory

The theory behind the American government is that people by themselves can act reasonably and, fairly, curbing their greed without government interference and, in this reasonable way, keep the economy intact.

Since this government represents all the people—and is really all the people—when it does interfere, it's supposed to do so for the general welfare and to protect the majority against some minority unfairness.

This American hatred for government interference is the basis of the people's freedom. And this country now is involved in a struggle with Communism to keep it from winning and swallowing up

THE MASKED MARVELS



From Where I Sit . . .

A&M Film Society- New Campus Club



By Herman C. Gollob

Stop us if we're wrong, but we'll be mummified with printer's ink and swathed in the reels of a Margaret O'Brien classic if we can think of any forms of creative endeavor other than the motion picture and the novel that enjoy the paradoxical, two-fold status of industry and art.

Since its inception in 1889 with the appearance of Edison's Kinetoscope, movie-making has been alternately condemned as an art form which prostitutes itself to the base aspects of commercialism, and as "mass production" industry which provides moviegoers with a snobbish, arty and esoteric piece of goods in direct clash with public taste.

The novel, too, is simultaneously immersed in big business and art. For every Steinbeck with his eye on life, reflecting a heartfelt and sincere response to life, there are ten Winsors with their eyes on the pocketbook, manufacturing succulent pornographic cliches in the name of history, raw realism, etc.

Through the study of only the most refined and noteworthy literature in high schools and colleges, however, the novel emerges in the public mind as an impeccable, purified art form.

Unfortunately, a course in the motion picture as a significant method of portraying universal truths is not, to our knowledge, offered at any educational institution, or is offered at so few as to do little good.

The general tendency is to judge the movies on the basis of the bad films, not the superior.

For this reason, the Museum of Modern Art Film Library has collected and preserved representative motion pictures of all types. These are available for rental, making possible a critical appreciation and analysis of the history and function of this relatively new art.

Nationwide groups have taken advantage of the opportunity offered by the Library and formed Film Societies. Such an organization now exists at A&M, and is open to anyone who can manage the \$1 membership fee. Because of the limited seating capacity of the YMCA Assembly Hall, where the films will be shown, only 300 tickets will be sold.

Included in the year's schedule are those films which best illustrate the history and development of the motion picture as a whole. The program will begin Monday, October 16, with the screening of five one-reelers, including "The Great Train Robbery."

Thomas Ince's "The Last of the Line" and "Civilization" will feature the next meeting of the Society, November 20. "Intolerance," a D. W. Griffith silent classic, was to follow on December 13. This date falls during the Christmas holidays, however, necessitating a revision in the schedule which will be announced at a later date.

What many critics consider the finest war picture on record—"All Quiet on the Western Front," with Lew Ayres, and Louis Wolheim—will appear on the January 15 program.

The German influence will be shown on February 19 with the screening of "Hands" and "Sunrise." Joseph Von Sternberg's "Morocco" starring Marlene Dietrich will appear March 19.

MGM's "The Good Earth" with Paul Muni and Luise Rainer is scheduled for April 16. The same company's "The Thin Man" will conclude the series on May 21.

If you desire further information concerning the Film Society, drop up to our office on the second floor of Goodwin Hall. We've got a great spiel on the deal.

Selfishness Will Prove Red Theories

The struggle grows more intense and may wind up in a world war in which Communism or freedom will win, but not both. To be ready for the showdown if it comes, this country is re-arming.

Which means, as President Truman said, things will be different.

As more materials go into armaments, there'll be less left for the luxuries and gadgets which people could buy so freely until now.

Meanwhile, getting ready for the worst in human nature, the government has created a new OPA, called the Economic Stabilization Agency.

This agency will have the job of controlling prices and wages and rationing, too—if such controls become necessary.

It is too soon to say—unless there is a great emergency—whether or any goods will become scarce enough to pinch anyone. They may. And therein lies the challenge to the people of this country: What Will They Do?

Will they let greed and selfishness get the better of them? Will they start hoarding and buying more than they need? Will businessmen take advantages of shortages to hike prices unnecessarily or try to hoard scarce materials?

If they do, the government will slap on controls, and the greater the greed, the wider the controls, getting tougher. It will mean wide

From the City Desk . . .

Greater Coverage Of City Promised

By JOEL AUSTIN, Battalion City Editor

Today The Battalion begins regular publication of a new and enlarged paper which includes and will include greater coverage of campus, city, sports, and world news.

Through the present plan of increased coverage of local news, The Battalion will endeavor to include all the news in and about College Station, as well as stories of marriages, parties, gatherings, etc., of local people. Not to be omitted is A&M Consolidated School, which will be furnished with a reporter regularly to gather items of interest there.

Sports news from A&M Consolidated School will be handled by the sports department of the paper. Pictures and stories about sports activities in season at Consolidated will appear regularly in the nearly 50 per cent increased sports section.

Most readers have found the bulk of city news on the back page heretofore, but under the new arrangement, all important stories will be placed on the front page, while those of lesser importance may be found on page three.

Under the present setup, we can promise complete coverage of all city council, chamber of commerce, and civic club activities.

A society editor has been employed and is expected to take over her duties very soon. Through her, we will be able to present feature articles on recipes, gardening, fashions, and many stories of interest to women readers.

Our Purpose—A Running Commentary

This column may be found on the editorial page of The Battalion every Wednesday and Friday, commencing that schedule in the Friday edition this week.

The purpose of this column, as it has been through the summer, will be to offer our readers a running commentary of important happenings at the city hall and around the city proper in order that citizens of College Station may keep up to date on the many little things necessary for a smooth running, efficiently managed city such as College Station.

Through this space we hope to gain readers who wish to read the news of local events presented in an impartial way, yet written to pull no punches, nor hurt any individual or group. Various things will be pointed out from time to time which would, in our opinion be necessary for a better city.

News About The City

For those students and faculty members who were not here during the summer, we might offer a brief summary of important events that came about in the vacation period.

After many weeks of negotiations and private meetings, governing bodies of College Station and Bryan reached an agreement with the Southwest States Telephone Company on increased rates to be paid the organization from subscribers of the two-city exchange.

Bryan and College Station councilmen got together shortly after the company served its proposed rate increase to the two groups and outlined what they thought the increased rates should be. The phone company responded with a compromise issue which was still unsatisfactory to the College Station council and the Bryan commission.

After a second altering of the telephone company's compromise, the settlement was made which provided for a \$36,000 a year increase rather than the \$56,000 originally asked.

The home of John Bogard, 218 Harrington Drive, was completely destroyed in a near midnight blaze which was estimated to be a \$7,000 loss.

Much controversy concerning the adequacy of the local fire department arose because of this fire and many steps have been taken since the July 27 blaze to correct or explain reasons for these inadequacies.

A special citizens committee was appointed by Mayor Ernest Langford of College Station in answer to a petition submitted to the city council with a list of 100 names of local residents asking for better fire protection. The committee has not met yet, but chairman L. P. Gabbard plans to call the group together to study conditions of College Station fire protection in the very near future.

Although promised an abundance of water for the dry summer months, Bryan's water reservoirs became dangerously low several times early in August. The situation made it necessary for city officials of Bryan and College Station to request people not to water their lawns and gardens except at certain times during the late evening when the regular consumption was low.

The city council extended its limits on the south side to include a large area there, while some consideration was made by the group to install parking meters at the North Gate so shoppers could be assured ample parking space. No definite action was taken on this matter.

Wrecked Economy If the American economy was wrecked, the Communists would have it that much easier to take over. It would prove what they've long proclaimed: That a capitalist society carries within it the seeds of its own destruction and, sooner or later, must wreck itself.

It certainly would be ironic if Americans, prizing freedom and struggling to preserve it, meanwhile let their greed produce a victory for the thing they're fighting.

It also would be ironic if, hating government controls, they brought those controls on themselves by failing to act reasonably.

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By Al Capp