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Let's Put TISA Men in the Senate . . .

Tomorrow night the first election of the 1950-51 school year will be held. It will concern an amendment to the present constitution of the Student Senate which, though it may not seem so, will be one of the student government's more important amendments.

Concerning the correlation of the Senate with the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association, the amendment, if passed, would alleviate what might prove to be an embarrassing situation later on. The proposed amendment states that "any Texas A&M students who are officers of the TISA will, by virtue of their office in the TISA, become members of the Student Senate."

Each year, the president of the Student Senate selects from the Senate, chosen by popular vote of the student body, official delegates to attend the annual TISA convention. Under the present Senate constitution any member of that appointed committee who is elected to office at the convention of all schools who are members of the TISA would lose his position in the Senate at the end of the school year, and permanently if he were not re-elected at the beginning of the next school year. He would still be hold-

ing his elected position as a TISA officer.

Were this situation to continue to exist without an amendment, it would be possible for a student to be a TISA officer, yet not be a member of the school's governing body.

Under aspects of the new amendment, any officers of the TISA would automatically become members of the next year's Student Senate by virtue of their TISA position. These officers would receive seats formerly filled by senators-at-large.

Along with one of last year's student senators who was elected parliamentarian of the association, A&M automatically receives two other officers, an executive vice president and an executive secretary, as this school is host for the 1950-51 TISA convention. If the amendment receives popular approval, three students will automatically become senators, leaving seven remaining positions to be filled by senators-at-large.

A college this size should maintain a modernized form of student government. A vote for the proposed amendment will go a long way in keeping the present Senate constitution up to date.

GOP Embarrassed by 'Learned' Senators . . .

In November of 1948, the Republicans learned a lesson that they will never forget—to win elections, they must campaign. Now some of the do-little statesmen of the Republican party are proving the old proverb, "A little learning can be a dangerous thing." In fact, some of their antics are downright embarrassing to the GOP.

Last week, Senator Andrew F. Schoepfel (R-Kan.) discussed statehood for Hawaii and Alaska. Attempting to block the statehood bill, he used one of the tricks that have come to be the stock in trade of men, such as he, that look for any chance to get political publicity.

The senator said he could prove a "strong and personal alliance between the Russian Soviet cause and the present Secretary of the Interior, who is now urging Alaskan statehood. . . ." When Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, disproved every point of Schoepfel's accusation, the Senate's Republican Policy Committee announced, "The

committee disavows all responsibility for Senator Schoepfel's charges."

Now two more mud-slingers are causing distress for the GOP. When President Truman nominated General George C. Marshall for Secretary of Defense, Senators Malone (R-Nev.) and McCarthy (R-Wis.) promptly labeled Marshall a "stooge" of Truman and Acheson. Again some of the GOP had to turn against a member of their own party.

Senator Saltonstall (R-Mass) told reporters he wants the "stooge" charge cleared up. Saltonstall was one of ten Senate Republicans who voted to change the law so Marshall could take over the job Congress previously had said must be filled by a civilian.

These two examples should prove to the "undistinguished" that although the Republican party plans a vigorous campaign to gain control of Congress next November, it will not tolerate such underhanded politics merely to gain a few votes.

Some Leaks in Texas' Tax Barrel . . .

Recently, the State Department of Public Health received complaints from the State Auditor on the manner in which certain funds were being expended. Since the Health Department receives funds from both the federal and state governments, as well as federal and private grants, there was some doubt whether certain items bought with the funds could be controlled by state law.

Primarily, criticism was aimed at the department's lax handling of automobiles. Monthly rent of \$155 was being paid to an Austin garage for storage of six vehicles which were used very little. One car, a 1947 model, had been driven 375 miles. Also included in the charges is the issuance of gasoline to the department's account without the signature of any department employee. One employee, a porter, received gasoline for his private car, reportedly to reimburse him for using it on office business.

Though only several of the complaints made by the state auditor, they are examples of conditions in the Health Department during the course of the three year audit which ended August 31. The auditor implied that some of the practices criticized have been corrected since that date.

As an individual unit, the Health Department was not too severely criticized for what it has done. True, the department has been using funds which could have been put to more efficient use for the taxpayers who were paying the bills.

However, if funds and personnel were available to conduct other audits of state-supported departments or services, more instances of unwarranted spending would likely be found. Our taxes are apparently being used much less efficiently than they should be, considering the status of our nation and the prospect of even higher taxes in the future.

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North Korean Occupation Is Still Debatable

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Continued success of the powerful United Nations offensive in South Korea will mean that ultimately the peace organization will have to face the dangerous question of whether its forces shall cross the 38th parallel and occupy Northern Korea.

One uses the expression "dangerous question" advisedly. Invasion of Northern Korea could produce an Asiatic upheaval. And with the major powers preoccupied in the Far East, there might easily be an explosion in Europe.

The U. N. goal, of course, is not only to smash the Red invasion of South Korea and restore peace, but to unite North and South Korea under one government, chosen by the people. So far as one can see now, that must call for temporary military occupation of North Korea.

38th A Problem

General MacArthur's chief of staff, Maj. Gen. E. M. Almond, yesterday pointed out that if the enemy is destroyed in South Korea there is no problem about the 38th parallel. It becomes a political question.

That is correct, but it strikes me that this immediately poses a fresh problem of how long it could remain a political question. Occupation of Northern Korea by U. N. troops might bring neighboring Chinese Communist forces in great strength to the rescue of the Korean Reds.

Apropos of this, two big Chinese armies are sitting on the border of North Korea, watching developments. Other Chinese and Manchurian troops are available, and Russia has been feeding much military equipment to the North Koreans.

What About Russia

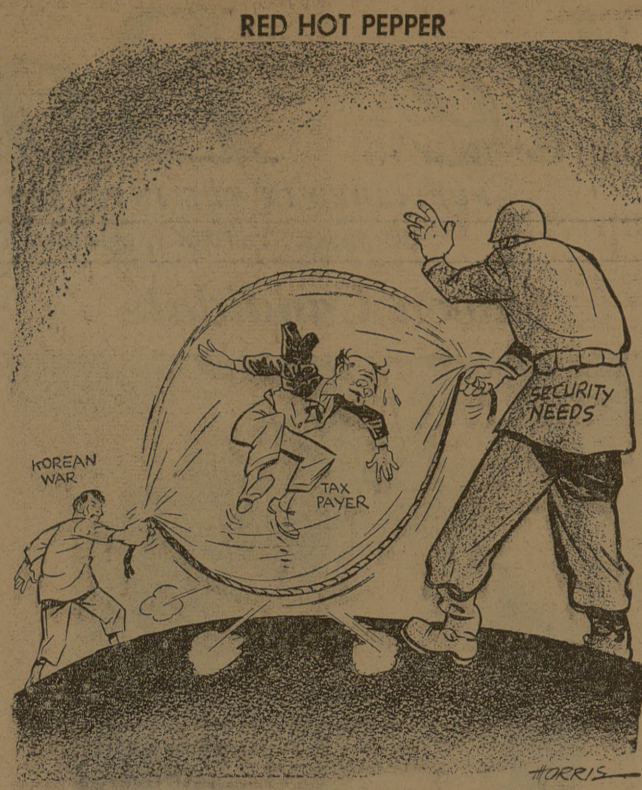
As for Russia, just as she has avoided becoming directly involved in the present Korean war, so she might be expected to pursue that policy if U. N. troops occupied Northern Korea. However, should Red China go to the rescue of the Korean Communists, with Moscow's blessings, it could produce a major upheaval in Asia.

And why should Russia steer clear of entanglement? Well, for the very good reason that the European theatre is of much greater importance now than is the Far East. Moscow certainly would hesitate to commit vast strength to an Asiatic campaign while Europe is rapidly becoming an armed camp.

Two Way Argument

Moreover, that's an argument that cuts two ways. The Western Allies certainly have no desire to get heavily involved in Asia at this juncture. They are in process of building their defenses in Europe against any upheaval there, and can't afford to weaken that effort.

The North Atlantic council at this moment has before it the American proposal for the defense of Western Europe. Therefore one would expect the U. N. to hold the Korean program in leash, pending completion of the defense plans for maintaining peace in Europe.



Interpreting the News . . .

Big 3 Offer to Germany Similar to Pact Benefits

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The big three have extended mutual defense benefits to Germany which are almost identical with those of the Atlantic Pact, but as yet have not imposed the accompanying responsibilities. They agree to treat any attack on the West German republic as an attack upon themselves. The wording of the intent is even stronger than that of the pact, which promises to "consider" rather than "treat", a difference, of course, without any important significance.

Later, it is assumed, when the political backgrounds in England and France have been better prepared, Germany will be expected to contribute her share toward rearmament and defense, just like the others. In the meantime, she enjoys the benefits of a one-sided guarantee.

Word has come out of the closing hours of the foreign ministers conference that, while the communique telling of its actions

Many Problems To Overcome

There are vast technical difficulties to be overcome, however, in ending the state of war without a peace treaty (which would recognize the division of Germany and be a bad political move) and without ending the military occupation.

As encouragement to Germany and in an attempt to secure a willing response, the allies also hold out prospects for modification of both industrial limitations and political controls.

The Bonn government is to be given the right of emergency call on increased state police forces, following a system closely akin to

that which Russia inaugurated when she has now become her widespread program of rearmament in Eastern Germany.

All of which boils down to the fact that Germany is to become an ally in the conflict with Russia as rapidly as western European thinking can be made to adjust to the idea. It was made inevitable by Germany's position in Europe, where maintenance of either a political or military vacuum is impossible, whether you like it or not.

And Russia is told what she was not told in Korea, that there is no vacuum, and not to rush in.

Astrologer Sees Early UN Victory

Singapore—(AP)—United Nations forces will emerge victorious and bring peace to Korea by Jan. 1951, predicts M. S. Sharma, internationally known astrologer.

Among other predictions made by the astrologer on his arrival in Singapore on a study tour of Southeast Asia was the third world war. He said it will start in Berlin some time between March and September of 1951. The war will last only two years, nine months and ten days and Stalin will probably commit suicide, the astrologer added.

After World War II, he said, the whole world will enjoy a period of peace and prosperity. Professor Sharma is sure that Chinese Nationalists will land on the Chinese mainland by July, 1951. He predicted heavy fighting there.

One of his earlier predictions, however, proved to be wrong. He had prophesied that the Missouri candidate, Harry S. Truman, would not win his first election as President of the United States.

More Mail Boxes To Be Installed

Approximately 1,500 more mail boxes are expected to arrive here and be installed at the Memorial Student Center in the next few days. This will bring the total number of boxes at the MSC to over 3,000. Dr. T. O. Walton, Postmaster, announced today.

The fees on the boxes will be \$1 to \$1.50 for three months. Students who do not have boxes at the present time are requested to have their mail sent in care of another student who does have a box until the new boxes arrive. Students who cannot arrange for a box should call for their mail at the General Delivery window at the Main Post Office, Dr. Walton said.

Strength of Armed Forces To Increase

Washington, (AP)—The President's plan to raise the armed forces' strength to three million men means that some critical decisions will have to be made soon in Congress and the White House.

And if war should come and all-out mobilization were necessary, both the armed forces and industry would face a much more complex problem than they did in 1940.

The immediate problem is adding about 1,500,000 men to the armed forces. The pool of men who are registered under the present draft law will not provide this added force. Congress would have to change the law to enable war veterans to be drafted. The President would have to change the selective service regulations to permit the drafting of men with de-

pendents and men now deferred for occupational reasons. The armed forces would have to lower their physical standards for inductees.

Here's the picture:

The June 1948 draft law required all men from 18 through 25 years of age to register. By last August, 10,943,546 men had registered. But under present laws and regulations not more than 818,601 of them are likely to be inducted. You get this figure by adding: 8,108 men who have been examined and found acceptable; 14,578 men who have already been inducted; 155,821 who have enlisted; and 640,094 who have been classified 1-A but as of July 31 had not yet been examined.

Physical Requirements To High

Economists doubt you could count on getting more than 1,500,000 men from the present pool of the unemployed. In 1940 there were eight million unemployed. This was decreased to less than a million when unemployment hit its wartime low in 1941.

Heavy withdrawals of manpower from civilian industry would mean greatly decreasing civilian production at a time when income is rising and demand for goods is increasing. It would cause inflation or necessitate drastic economic controls.

The most feasible course is to increase the labor force—the persons at work or seeking work. But this will be a lot harder to do than in 1940, according to a study just released by the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security.

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