

Student Voters Off to a Good Start . . .

If the results of the first election of the 1950-51 school year are any indication of what is to follow in future elections, the voting group, though small as it was, is off to a good start.

Voting on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Student Senate, more than 1,500 students declared an affirmative stand to the question of allowing A&M officers of the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association to become members of the Senate without being re-elected by the student body.

A Revival of the Salem Witch Hunts? . . .

1692: The descendants of the freedom-loving founders of Massachusetts thought they faced a horrible threat to their peaceful, religious colony. Right in their midst were terrible women who practiced the unholy art of witchcraft.

1789: The common people of France started a wonderful revolution to overthrow their tyrannical masters and to establish the French Republic.

Korean 'Airlift' for Saving Lives . . .

A new problem has been added to the strife in Korea—the preservation of a mass of South Korean lives greater in number than those now on the battlefield.

In Korea, the first signs of autumn are beginning to appear. Sultry, stifling weather is changing, late flowers are blooming and the stems of rice plants are bent with the weight of ripening grain.

We here in the states find it hard to picture human people worrying about a crop while other humans are being killed a few miles away. To the Korean peoples, the coming year's food budget depends upon the quantity of their annual rice crops.

Old Quarrel, Confused Communists . . .

Those crazy Americans! How can sensible, serious Communists spread their gospel of Marxism all over the world when having to contend with such inexplicable antics as theirs.

Not content with all the fighting around them in the bloody Korean campaign, American Southerners in the U. S. Marine Corps at the Han front felt that they must establish their identity as Southerners, not Damyankees.

At the most extended American outpost on the Han river last week, a small Confederate flag waved defiantly in the breeze. Be-

at-large would be cut from the usual ten to seven, is that the amendment contained no unwarranted clauses.

When the referendum was brought to the attention of the Student Senate in a meeting last year, the only opinions voiced by members of the Senate were favorable. Since members of the senate would be more aware of the merits and demerits of such a proposal, it was only natural to conclude that the amendment would benefit the school, since it in no way seemed derogatory.

Other important elections will be held this year. But if the student body continues to vote as intelligently as it has in the first election, we need not fear desolation in future elections.

themselves of their cruel masters began a reign of bloodshed and execution of innocents that has yet to be equaled.

1950: The Congress of the United States, alarmed at the threat to internal security by the Communists, passes an anti-subversives bill over the veto of the President. The President gave seven valid reasons for vetoing the bill.

The legislation would "throw the Bill of Rights out the window," said Senator Wanger (R-ND). And commenting on the internment provisions, he said, "It is the first time in America we have heard of concentration camps."

Note to Congress: Most of the French revolutionists who were leaders in the "kill the monarchists" movement lost their own heads before the bloodshed was over.

Unfortunately, the enemy still holds the southwest provinces which are the great rice basket of Korea. And unless the enemy is driven out, and soon, much of the crop would spoil ungathered.

Therefore, North Korean armies will have to be swept out of the rice growing district as soon as possible. True, our armies and those of our allies are now fighting to regain that lost ground, but if they cannot retake it soon, we must prepare ourselves for what must follow.

Hungry families will look toward the outside world for their supply of food. And if all we have been fighting for is not to be lost, we will have to answer their calls.

neath its folds some still unreconstructed Rebels were ready to rehash the American sectional squabble of 1860.

Said the Marine who emplaced the flag, "I stuck that flag in there the moment I got here. And she's going to stay there until we take her down to put her up again in Seoul."

It's hard to imagine how Reds, born and reared under the hard, serious philosophy of Lenin and Stalin, could ever understand that among many other things, Americans are fighting for the right to laughingly disclaim loyalty to the United States.

TO CASH IT OR — NOT ?



From Where I Sit . . .

'Battleground' Deals With 'Real' War



By Herman C. Gollob

It is a pleasure to report that in spite of the uninhibited and strident publicity—almost certain songs of a calamitous let-down—which preceded MGM's "Battleground," this stark offering is the most ambitious and deserving war chronicle yet framed by a Hollywood studio.

Amid the spate of artificially tricked-up odes to the American soldier of World War II that have previously been offered to the public as examples of "raw realism" in the war picture, "Battleground" stands as a candid and convincing reminder of the war—a war shorn of pumped-up patriotism and stagey heroics, a war of loneliness and futility and despair, of empty stomachs and K-rations, of whistling shapnel and dead buddies and unabashed panic and fright.

Much of "Battleground's" artistic naturalism stems from a script of depth and vigor dealing with a dramatically tense moment in American history—the Battle of the Bulge—and peopled with characters of substance and conviction, soldiers who aren't super-human heroes or zealous patriots, but ordinary civilians caught up in the grim vacuum of war, and looking for an opportunity to "get the hell out."

Scripter Arnold Nolen shows an uncanny ear for dialogue: the cynical, staccato banter of the troops, their robust humor, is as intimate as a wire recorder on a Turkish harem. And reminiscing about home is kept free from maudlin excesses.

Yet in the very toughness and virility of the script there lies a restrained tenderness and subtle romanticism that keeps "Battleground's" realism from plunging to the utterly revolting.

What cast and director have added to the film's authenticity must also be noted here, as well as the photography and climatic musical score. Director William A. Wellman is a master at projecting the sordidness of war; this he proved earlier with "The Story of G. I. Joe." It is with the utmost sensitivity that he handles his able cast.

There seemed to us no single outstanding performance—each actor brought his role to life with keen fidelity. Van Johnson is his cocky, breezy self; John Hodiak, an intense, refined doughfoot who does his share of complaining; Ricardo Montalban, a good natured, ebullient Mexican G.I.; and James Whitmore, a leathery, pleasantly gruff platoon sergeant.

See "Battleground." It's a cinematic experience you won't forget.

San Antonio Youth Admits Stabbing

A 20 year old former San Antonio State hospital attendant has made a statement admitting participation in the fatal stabbing of Jack Solesher, senior A&M student killed while attending ROTC camp at Kelly Air Force Base last summer.

Donald A. Dunlap made the statement in his San Antonio jail cell where he was being held on a forgery charge. He called the sheriff and said he wanted to get something off his chest.

Arvin Popham had previously been indicted by a grand jury in connection with the stabbing. In his statement, Dunlap said he stabbed Solesher three times during a fracas near Von Ormy July 9.

He said he took a knife from Popham and stabbed Solesher after the latter had hit him in the face. He further stated that he was trying to separate Popham and Solesher when he was struck.

Chemical Society Meet. There will be a short organization meeting of the American Chemical Society in the Chemistry Lecture Room Tuesday Sept. 26, at 7:15 p. m.

Campus. TODAY thru WEDNESDAY. FIRST RUN. Features Start—1:48 - 3:51 - 5:54 - 7:57 - 10:00. HOPE Ludile BALL. FANCY PARTS. News—Cartoon.

Red Occupied East Germany Welcomed into Satellite States

Berlin, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Russian-occupied East Germany was welcomed into the family of Soviet satellite states yesterday. Simultaneously, the East German republic embarked on a big new purge campaign against "saboteurs and western agents."

The official Soviet newspaper, Taegliche Rundschau, said the East German state had joined "the mighty peace front headed by the Soviet Union." This indicated East Germany had reached full-fledged satellite status. There have been recent hints that Russia may soon grant a separate peace to East Germany.

East Germany definitely had become a part of the Soviet orbit through a series of "friendship" and economic treaties with Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania and is now negotiating a similar agreement with Communist-ruled Bulgaria.

Rundschau asserted the new purge must be intensified to "root out these (Western) gangsters—these enemies of our democratic republic."

Town Hall--

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Oscar Levant. On Feb. 1 Oscar Levant, star of radio, concert stage, and motion pictures, will provide Town Hall ticket holders with an exhibition of his piano skill and world acclaimed adlibbing.

Levant not only entertains with his musical, but keeps the evening going at a fast pace with his verbal adroitness. He is noted as being one of the few musicians of all time to be able to cross successfully the gap between popular and classical selections.

The piano artist brings an air of informality to the stage with him, which was one of the factors adding to his popularity performance on the Town Hall bill.

San Antonio Symphony. The prodigy of the concert orchestra world, the San Antonio Symphony, will present a program of symphonic music to music lovers March 5 in Guion Hall as the fourth attraction of 1950-51 Town Hall season.

The Alamo City symphonic aggregation, under the baton of Max Reiter, is beginning its eleventh season of musical presentation to the citizenry of Texas. The group is one of the few Texas classical music associations to be successful both culturally and financially.

The Spanish Guitar is not usually considered to be a concert instrument, but to judge for reports from eastern music critics, Segovia not only manages to present his program in concert style, but does a good job of it.

Taft Called Labor Number 1 Enemy. The ARL's political league labeled Senator Taft (R-Ohio) labor's "number one enemy."

Joe Keenan, the league's director, told the American Federation of Labor's convention in Houston that "Hitler would rule the world" if all congressmen had voted like Taft.

"Now he has gone to work to give aid and comfort to Stalin," Keenan declared.

Saddle, Sirloin Calls First Meeting

The Saddle and Sirloin Club will hold its first meeting of the 1950-51 school year Tuesday night, Sept. 26 in the Animal Industries Lecture Room following yell practice.

All AH majors and minors are invited to attend the meeting. Sophomores interested in becoming associate members in the club are especially invited.

Discussion on several important matters is scheduled.

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Red Beating. At Borna, Saxony, a man faced trial for allegedly beating up a local Communist official, and in East Berlin three German youths were jailed as "Anglo-American agents," charged with spying and distributing anti-Communist leaflets.

Trials and Arrests. Trials and new arrests were reported from widely-scattered points in the Russian zone. Rundschau said the chief aim of the "gangsters" is to wreck the economy of the East German republic and sabotage the Oct. 15 elections.

The provisional government of East Germany will make itself permanent through the elections, in which the Communists have assured themselves of victory by controlling 70 per cent of the places on the "no contest" ballot.

In a trial at Pirna, Saxony, five prominent industrial technicians were sentenced to terms ranging from 10 years to four months on charges of economic sabotage. The chief defendant was held responsible for a factory explosion last February in which five workers died.

Another trial announced at Leipzig dealt with another big factory explosion which apparently had been hushed up by the Communists. Also at Leipzig, several prisoners faced trial on charges of wrecking a Communist national front election campaign office.

Rundschau said the "friendship" treaties with the satellite states "disposed of all the causes of war which once existed in middle Europe." Some quarters here believe that when the permanent East German government is established the Soviet Union will grant it a peace treaty.

Quion Hall. LAST DAY. M-G-M's FINEST PICTURE! BATTLEGROUNDS. THE GUTS, GAGS AND GLORY OF A LOT OF WONDERFUL GUYS!

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LPL ABNER Strike Me Pincus! By Al Capp

Cartoon strip with four panels. Panel 1: 'TH' NEXT NAME ON TH' LIST IS GAMMA GAMMA. THASS A PEE-KOOLYAR LAST NAME—ALTHOUGH TH' FIRST NAME IS NICE.' Panel 2: 'AN' TH' ADDRESS IS PEE-KOOLYAR, TOO—PLANET PINCUS NUMBER 7. AH HOPES IT HAIN'T FAR, ON ACCOUNT AH IS MIGHTY TIRED.' Panel 3: 'VE LOOKED THROUGH ALL OUR ROUTE BOOKS. NOWHERE ON EARTH IS THERE SUCH A PLACE AS PINCUS NUMBER 7.' Panel 4: 'HOW DOES YO' SEND FEARLESS FOSDICK BOOKS TO GAMMA GAMMA, PLANET PINCUS No. 7? TELL ME YO' DIDN'T ASK ME THAT? TELL ME I'M HEARING THINGS!!'

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