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LET'S NOT FUMBLE THIS ONE, EITHER



The Nation Today . . .

Woes Of Worldly Affairs Plague Peaceful Vacationer

By James Marlow

Washington, Oct. 11—(P)—Do you feel that you're living in a kind of world you never knew before, a kind of unreal twilight zone between war and peace, wondering which you're heading for? I do. I guess everyone does.

All we seem to know is that we must be ready for war if war is necessary, hoping that we can become so strong and ready for war that in the end it may be unnecessary.

I felt the unreality strongly this past week. I spent the week on a vacation fishing in Virginia on Chickahominy Lake, near Richmond. The black bass are big and rugged there.

This great wilderness—miles of trees standing almost bare, a kind of ghostly watery world—looks as it has looked for a thousand years, except for a few houses on the shore. And it sounds that way, too.

Unseen, the frogs make a long, nained, rough, warm bellows like cows. A deer suddenly crashes through the trees, into a creek, crashes away on the other side.

And when the silence flows back again a great bass shatters it with a leap that drops him back in a shocking splash on the surface of the lake. He's gone when you look. Only the widening circles tell where he was.

This was the natural world, free of men's troubles, although it has troubles of its own: The deer is fleeing from an enemy and the savage and hungry bass made that racket lunging at a minnow.

Still, it gave the illusion of peace, far from war or talk of war. And it was good to be there. But then every morning when I came in from early fishing, at breakfast I read the papers from Richmond, 25 miles away.

That jerked me back to the world I lived in. There was the news of war in Korea and preparations for war, if the big war comes. Nevertheless, reading those Richmond papers was a good experience for someone like me who works the year around in Washington, covering news in the capital.

For in Washington all our time is taken up with the government: Congress, the President, the Cabinet, Army, Navy, State Department, taxes, Democrats, Republicans, international doings.

Because here we work every day on Washington news, because it fills so much of our lives, I guess we come to think of it as something which fills everyone's life everywhere.

The Richmond papers put the picture back in focus for me. Like the front pages of papers everywhere, they gave a lot of attention to Washington news and international stuff and the Korean fighting.

But Richmond and Virginia have a lot of problems of their own, problems and conflicts which interest the people of Richmond and Virginia, also, and affect their lives. So room was made on the front pages for them, too.

Which is another way of saying, I suppose, that people outside Washington are interested in a lot more than just what happens here, although we here may forget that.

Fifty-Thousand Legionnaires Parade

Los Angeles, Oct. 11—(P)—Fifty thousand strong, the American Legion today paraded through downtown street caverns before a cheering, shirt-sleeved crowd that jammed sidewalks five and six deep.

Newspaper estimates of the throng ran over a million, but police sidestepped guessing at a figure.

The temperature was in the middle seventies and the sun shone hazily through a product that wasn't invited—smog.

The Rat-a-tat-tat of the uncounted drum and bugle corps thundered up and down Broadway as the river of men and metal rolled along the two-mile route.

The parade, six hours long, thus had many units dispersing before others were formed.

First came the snarl and roar of police escort motorcycles, followed by cars bearing honorary Grand Marshal Perry Brown and Grand Marshal Big Gen. Leroy H. Watson and their staffs.

Strange Bedfellow

Columbia, S. C. — y—H. M. Varnadore told police a stranger he befriended spent the night at his home and stole a watch, shoes, cigaret lighter and money. Varnadore couldn't describe the man. He is blind.

Korean War Casualty List Work Begins

By ELTON C. FAY

Washington, Oct. 10—(P)—The Korean war, like past wars, is creating its company of unknown soldier dead.

How many? That isn't estimated yet.

The Defense Department said yesterday there are unidentified American war dead in Korea. But how many won't be known until American graves registration teams can thoroughly explore the area over which United States forces were pushed back by the Red army advance in the first two months of fighting.

The work of these highly trained teams probably will help clear up at least some of the 3,877 cases reported as "missing in action" in the latest official casualty announcement.

Many Yet Alive

Many of the missing may be alive, taken prisoners by the advancing Communists. But others may have been killed in the fighting. The registration teams will find them, probably identify most. But inevitably there will be some nameless ones.

Will an unknown American from among the Korean dead eventually join the unknown soldier of World War I, and the one from World War II who will be buried in the Arlington tomb next spring?

That is a decision for Congress, which authorized enlistment for the dead of the two world wars.

Whatever the number of dead without names in the Korean War, it won't approach the total of World War II.

From the battlegrounds of Europe and the Pacific, the armed forces recovered the remains of 8,325 men who could not be identified at the time. But the painstaking investigation by the Armed Forces' registration teams by last Aug. 31 had reduced the number to the 2,163 who are still carried on the records as unidentified.

Majority Unaccounted For

These were among the total 280,574 American military dead in the war, the great majority of them never listed as missing or unidentified. Most of them were killed in action on the ground, in the air or at sea. Some of them died in enemy prison camps and their bodies were recovered when advancing forces moved into former enemy areas or after the war had ended.

But the 280,574 dead didn't account for all of World War II casualties.

The Defense Department estimates that somewhere—in the wreckage of sunken ships in the oceans, in thick jungle areas like that along the old "hump" air route from Burma, lost sight of in now-filled farmlands of former battlefields—are 78,000 others.

These men always will be missing, even though they were declared dead legally a year after they disappeared.

The Korean casualty lists are swelling, not because of the victorious counteroffensive launched by UN troops three weeks ago but more from the fact that a backlog of names is just reaching the publication stage.

A list made public Sunday night was the heaviest to date. It contained 1,211 names, of whom 255 were dead, 822 wounded, 73 missing in action.

Paul Bennett Gets Call to Active Duty

Paul M. Bennett, instructor and research assistant in the Agronomy Department, has been recalled to active duty and will report to the Department of Military Science and Tactics, according to Colonel H. L. Boatner, Commandant of the Corps.

Bennett will receive appointment as instructor in Infantry Tactics, Boatner said. He holds the rank of first lieutenant.

He entered the army after being graduated from A&M in 1943, serving in Italy in 1944 and in Korea from 1946-48.

Upon receiving his discharge in 1948, Bennett returned to A&M to work on his Master's degree in conjunction with his teaching and research job.

From the City Desk . . .

Visit Your Council And Talk It Over



By Joel Austin

A group of citizens appeared before the City Council Monday night to discuss a problem with the councilmen that was giving them a great deal of trouble.

Probably few people heard about the incident, or more important the question discussed by the group, but the idea that a delegation of citizens living in a particular area of town can bring their problems to the city's governing body to be talked over is a privilege we shouldn't overlook.

Too many times we take these little things for granted and never realize the importance they mean in helping our community leaders to use better and more practical methods of doing their duty.

Few people realize the difficulty involved when a representative group of men sit down at a table to discuss a situation and act on the matter according to what they consider the will of the citizens they represent.

Had the question under discussion come up without the presence of those five or six people who were there, the matter would have been given little or no thought and the people would have been left in the dark about the whole thing—wondering if the council had or would do anything.

Not only does the presence of a representative body of citizens at a council meeting foster better relations between the people and their city lawmakers, but a better understanding and more emphasis of the subject under discussion is easily obtained by their attendance.

In Passing . . .

According to the word we have received from a Chamber of Commerce representative, work on the proposed sidewalk to run along Jersey Street is still pending. The plans have been drawn and some steps have been taken toward getting work underway.

But like any other community-sponsored project, the sidewalk committee must operate with volunteer workers who work when they have the spare time.

The board of directors of the College Station Development Association and Chamber of Commerce plans to hold their regular monthly meeting tomorrow, and further plans will probably be made when this group gets together.

Bryanite Charged For Embezzlement

13 Year Old Winner

Dallas, Oct. 11—(P)—A young fellow just 13 years old sold his grand champion turkey exhibit at the State Fair of Texas today for \$375.

He is Armand Zoe Clary, from the 4-H Club at Star in Mills County. He showed five broad-breasted bronze toms. They weighed a total of 175 pounds. Buyer was Esir Ablon of Dallas.

Logan is charged with embezzling the funds of the Chamber of Commerce while managing it and the embezzlement of the funds of the Bryan Industrial Foundation.

Coming to Bryan from military service, Logan had served three years as secretary and manager of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce. Most of his military service was spent at Bryan Air Force Base.

On March 21 Logan was arrested in Dallas by Sheriff J. W. Hamilton and Dallas County officers.

Guion Hall LAST TIMES TODAY 'The Skipper' Surprised His Wife

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By Al Capp

Quality, Not Quantity, Education Needed . . .

"At this very moment there is in some corner of the campus a student who is griping about the volume of work 'Professor Doe' has outlined for the semester.

"During the opening minutes of the first class period, the professor informed his charges that two texts would be used in the course, presented them with an outside reading list and assigned laboratory periods.

"Then he assigned three chapters and 14 problems to be completed by the next class period and guiltily dismissed them five minutes early.

"Although a hypothetical case it could have happened here.

"Like the mythical Doe, many professors bury their students under an avalanche of out-of-class assignments. A top-heavy emphasis is placed on quantity while quality is scattered to the four winds.

"Many instructors seem to think that their individual course is the only one listed in the University Bulletin. Others waste classroom time by reciting their golf scores, lecturing on unrelated subjects, or telling worn-out jokes.

"In the meantime students burn many gallons of 'midnight oil' in trying to cover material which might have been treated during the regular class period. To thread one's way through the maze of outside assign-

The Army's Lesson From Hadacol . . .

The U. S. Army has decided to incorporate another principle of American business—even the best of products must be advertised. Psychological warfare received a good test in World War II. The fact it now is being elevated to a position of new importance is evidence top army officials are convinced the use of words and ideas will save lives and shorten war.

As always, the army has been slow to accept any big new concept of warfare. Less than a year ago, only one man was assigned to psychological warfare planning in G-3, the army's plans-operations-training section. Now, Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure, head of psychological warfare at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe in World War II, has been assigned to head a fourth branch within G-3—psychological warfare.

Interviews with former enemy peoples after World War II and the response of the North Koreans to safe conduct passes for those who would surrender have convinced the Army that the results of propaganda are well worth the cost. When once convinced that a plan will work, our army relentlessly

The civic minded group responsible for placing signs before all the buildings on the campus Oct. 4 when the campus was filled with thousands of visitors deserves praise for its action.

There is a long-standing tradition here that all students learn the names and relative positions of all the buildings on the campus early in their college careers. But for the passerby, who from inside a car tours the campus, has little desire to go to the trouble to trace each building on the campus

ments leaves one with only the "skimming alternative."

"Thus students sometimes manage at least to see the material that has been assigned but assimilation is at a minimum.

"Such a problem involves much solving, but is not unsolvable.

"Let an instructor put himself in the position that he puts his students and let him remember that there are other professors and other courses being taught on the campus.

"Many students would continue to 'lie down on the job,' it's true, but those with the desire to learn could more accurately cover a smaller quantity by quality study."

Though localized as it may seem, this editorial appeared in The Daily Athenaeum, student newspaper of West Virginia University last week. It is almost encouraging to know that other colleges and universities are facing similar problems of having professors who are too enthusiastic in assigning out-of-class work, while taking class time for less important matters.

It has been said that the man who invented a better mouse trap would make millions. We would like to add that the person who discovers a method of making teachers aware of the "intelligence" of their assignments will gain the respect of millions—of students.

works for its realization.

To make the propaganda campaign effective, the Army will staff the new branch with experts in all phases of mass communication. Radio, movies, printed leaflets, and posters will all play a part in convincing our enemies that the American way is the right way.

To be effective, propaganda must be truthful. Lord Haw-Haw, Tokyo Rose, Axis Sally, and their ilk were useless because they dealt in obvious untruths. American and Allied servicemen merely laughed at their ludicrous antics.

The basic idea with the Army's word-fighters is that in any conflict among peoples the truth must prevail sooner or later—and that the faster it spreads, the quicker the fighting will end. The unit's job is to deliver the truth to many people through mass communications, and in such a way that they recognize it as the truth.

The army has taken the right step in spreading Americanism to potential enemies. The best answer to Communism is the truth of democracy.

Advertising pays off—ask the Coca-Cola and Hadacol people.

map. At the same time, it might inconvenience the visitor and his party, and possibly those driving behind him, to stop and ask what buildings were in the immediate vicinity.

We would like to see those signs before the buildings at any time visitors are scheduled to arrive on the campus in large numbers.

Though small, these signs add just a little more toward leaving our visitors with a pleasant remembrance of their visit here.

The Battalion

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