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## Why Not a 'Letter to the Editor' Tradition . . .

Last year at this time The Battalion had received 12 letters from readers. So far this year we have received only five.

We have about decided that class work and the excitement that goes with a winning football team has reduced our usually reactionary and sharp-tongued student body to complete passivity.

Our letters column is really yours, because it is nothing without your interest and contributions. Your letters column is an open forum for student opinion and discussion. Through it, authoritative bodies like the Student Life Committee and Student Senate may be prompted to take action on one matter or another. Through the Battalion's own Just address it to "The Battalion, Campus" voluntary "investigation" service, questions for which you might have a difficult time obtaining answers can be quickly cleared up.

You guys have fallen down on the job. lishes five to eight letters everyday. Contents of their letters range from comments on national and campus politics, to com- deadlocked Austrian treaty displaints, to praise of some worthy undertak-ing, to what have you. Out there, it is tra-ditional to write "Letters to the Editor." detailed water and treatly dis-pute over to the United Nations. Dr. Karl Gruber, Austria's for-eign minister, said yesterday his country eventually may have to appeal to the U. N. for "real lib-ortice", for the united Nations.

We would like to see letters to the editor become traditional here. It isn't difficult; the only requirement is that you put your thoughts on paper once in a while instead of just thinking them to yourself. The rules are delayed until after there is another just thinking them to yourself. The rules are simple. You'll find them in the small type tives of the United States, Britain, just beneath the "Letters" head usually appearing on this page.

Mailing your comment is even simpler. 

taining answers can be quickly cleared up. Out at USC, The Daily Californian pub-torial page for your letter. How about it? TOL A World Peace World Peace **Religion --- The Answer to World Peace ...** 

now being used to prepare for war could be diverted into an effort to eliminate war altogether. The United Nations may be able to prevent or localize a conflict, but the fundamental preventative device may be a problem for experts in psychological warfare. Even without the act of firing a gun the cost of war preparation may become unbearable for civilization.

Taxes are increasing daily, young men are told that they can look forward to 30 months of service, and vast quantities of our natural resources are being consumed in order to oppose aggression. If this burden is to be removed, some way must be found to breakdown ideological barriers that now exist.

Religion may not be the answer, but it could be a powerful force in the development of a "peaceful" individual. Other ways would have to be found to eliminate the in favor of civilization. Man has indeed cre-"boom and bust" economic cycles that we

It would appear that some of the energy we being used to prepare for war could be verted into an effort to eliminate war al-gether. The United Nations may be able self perpetuating in order to prevent the next generation from reverting to war-like ways.

> Investigation, however, may disclose that war is fundamental, and must be accepted just like changes in the weather. The forces that cause wars may be above the power of reason, and not subject to control. Soviet occupation troops are to The research and stimulus brought about by war may outweigh the waste of men and ma- American officials share at least

The rescard, and many outweigh the waste of men and matterials if the overall operation were subjected in this. If World War III comes, it may be so de structive that it will set a precedent that will stand for all time to remind us of the folly of armed conflict. We are in favor of some in favor of civilization. Man has indeed correct on this submitting the Austrian issue in the value of extended to the value of the conservatives under the remeating of the conservatives under the remeating of the conservatives under the remeating of the remeating

 "Boom and bust" economic cycles that we associate with peacetime economy, and the minimum explored and minitary.
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be a costly and distasteful job. But the U.

## **Russia Offered** Last Chance on Austria Dispute

## By EDWARD E. BOMAR

Washington, Oct. 12-(AP)-The Western powers plan to give Rus-sia at least one more chance to negotiate before turning the long eration" from "intruder" Russia. He blamed Moscow for blocking a treaty which would end the post-

France and Russia. The deputies of the big four foreign powers are scheduled to meet again in Lon-don in Mid-December.

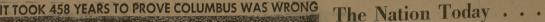
Moscow May Consent

Because of Communist failures in

**Nationalization Is Next** 

powers' quarrel over Trieste.

Fighting the North Korean guerillas will They're Called 'Gentlemen' . . .



I'M FLAT!

# Home Buying Gets Tougher Today

## By James Marlow

Washington, Oct. 12-(AP)-The government-starting today-is making it tougher to buy one and two-family homes. But there are exceptions.

The government has issued new rules, under a law passed by Congress, which compel you to put up a bigger down payment and pay up faster on any:

• Newly built or existing home if the governmentmeaning the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or Veterans Administration (VA)-has a hand in the deal. That is, if it guarantees a loan on the home.

• Newly built home whether it's the government, a bank or a loan company which guarantees or makes the loan on it.

But-and this is where the exception comes in-the new rules do not apply at all to existing homes where the government has no part in the loan.

Examples: • You want to buy a newly built home or have one built. The rules apply to you, whether you get the loan from a bank or the government.

• You want to buy a home which is not new. If the **Iron and Steel Industry** FHA or VA guarantees the loan, then the rules apply. But if in the case of such an existing home you get a non-governif in the case of such an existing home you get a non-government loan, the rules do not apply.

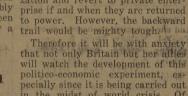
## **Rules Where They Apply**

These are the rules in all cases Suppose a man arranged a loan By DEWITT MACKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst Britain's socialist government has set February 15 for taking over the country's vast steel and into industry—a major move in the sweeping experiment of nation. alizing England. The many form the statistic model is that it is being carried hurge coal industry which already

"No Connection" Gruber told the national press club that these have "not the slight est connection with the treaty." The U.N., like the Western big participation in a settlement if societ occupation troops are to withdraw. Since the rise of U.N. y prestige in the Korean fighting. - American officials share at least - American officials share at least. - Memory is would seem that when - memor

get a loan on your life insurance to make the down payment. And f sicknes or death or fire inter-

from submitting the Austrian issue at the current general assembly session. Austria itself has been kept from U.N. membership by a Russian veto. However, the backward trail would be mighty tough. As the Therefore it will be with anxiety



Mackenzie's Column . . .

**British Socialist Move** 

Korea in a matter of weeks. Defeat of the North Korean army should not now be a very difficult matter, but the fighting will illas to prove to Communists and fellow travelers the world over that to resist United think. The salty World War II com-

N. forces must carry the fight to a decis-Unless Russia or Red China begins to ive victory. Communist propaganda will take an active part in the Korean campaign, have a field day of writing about these "fight-United Nations forces should conquer North ers to the death" if they are not quickly

The Battalion Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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# 'New Army' Men Live an Easy Life

By ED CREAGH

mander, now in a hero's grave, would love the powerful new tanks that bear his name . . . the fight-ing spirit that animates the Third Armored Division . . . the rugged conditioning that tomorrow's sold-iers are getting here at the Army's training center for armor. But the "new army" treatment mander, now in a hero's grave, would love the powerful new tanks "Thor cot battle

re of privates as "gentlemen?" s, "It is my considered opinion," said an officer who served with Patton in the 1944 smash into Germany, "that old Georgie would blow all four of his stacks." That's the way it is, though, and the Army flexes its muscles against the danger of a World War III: Today's new soldiert

Today's new soldier trains faster and harder than yesterday's soldier did. But he's treated as a human being and not as a mass of dough to be whipped into hape at whatever cost to his pride and personality.

You may be wondering just what appens to the World War  $2\frac{1}{2}$  sold--since he's just about sure to

be someone you know and may even be yourself. Well, Fort Knox will give you a good idea. It's a roomy place 106,000 acres. It's "temporary" vooden barracks are five years old and are starting to show their age. Its activities range from guarding the bulk of the world's gold supply to teaching cooks how not to make hash.

LI'L ABNER After the Brawl Was Over

"Before Korea," said Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Harrold, Post Commander, "we took 14 weeks to give these youth basic train-

training center for armor. But the "new army" treatment of G. L's? The cushioned chairs in induction centers? The please-tand-thank-you politeness of ser-geants toward recruits? The spec-tacle of generals addressing groups of privates as "gentlemen?" But already the new soldier is "It is my considered comine"

tests, physical examinations, "shots," lectures, issuing TF uniforms, some tedious waiting around for something to happen.
But already the new soldier is learning that the "new army" is not just a myth. It's no paradise, certainly. But he finds officers courtainly. But he finds officers courtainly multiple with the seldom finds cause to grumble about the "chow."
Actually training starts fast and gets faster.
What used to be called an obstate course is now a "confidence course." A young C. L. scrambles through ditches, swings across
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gullies on a rope, grunts over a ing at Fort Knox. Another, Sgt. you the whole amount. But if she "belly robber" of horizonal logs, Lafe Pool of Keerville, Texas, al-tries to scale a barrier known ready is a legend.

"belly robber" of korizonal logs, tries to scale a barrier known officially as "the dirty name." Recruit Lyman Deuel of Worth-ington, Minn., squirreled twice over the "belly robber" without "It's not so tough if you're in good condition," he said. "Nice going," an officer called.

"You fellows got a chance to do better than we could. These new tanks—man, they're pretty. You just take hold of that joy stick and go any way you want. Nice? Say, I could rock my baby to sleep in one of these." Fort Knox is turning out soldiars

By Al Capp





your borrowing.) But you say: suppose my aunt Sally wants to lend me money on a house covered by these new rules. Can't she? Not unless she lends

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