

Breaking Tradition—For Profit . . .

WERE not advising you to hold your breath until it happens, but Texas voters could project their state into national political prominence this Fall. In an opportunity seldom offered to voters in one state, the people of the state of Texas could, by electing a few of the right men, gain political, legislative, and financial assistance in our federal government.

What do they have to do to make this Cinderella story come true? That's easy—merely elect a few Republicans to office from this solid Democratic state.

Just a minute; hold off on that lynching party. We are not damyankees, neither are we complete political heretics. We do not dare suggest a Republican slate. We mentioned a "few" Republicans. Let's just examine the facts.

Texas has an iron-clad tradition of voting for the Democratic party. The conscientious voter, though, should examine the reasons for the tradition. Some attribute Texas' Democratic habit to Civil War bitterness. That theory won't hold water—how could Texas have advanced so far economically if its thinking and planning were still governed by bitterness nearly a hundred years old?

No, the tradition was founded on much firmer ground than that. The party which Texans approved for about seventy-five years was the Jeffersonian Democrat party. And that party bore little resemblance to the Fair Dealing Democratic party of today.

The old Democratic party was based on the principles of states rights, minimum federal governmental control, and representation of the individual, not pressure groups. Contrast that with the Fair Dealers. The American federal government is now stronger, and less efficient, than ever before in history. Every few weeks, our states lose more of their rights and freedoms. To listen

to Truman's speech after he returned from the conference with MacArthur proved that he would take every advantage to appeal to special minority groups.

Since the Republican party has become more liberalized, it now resembles the old Democratic party more than the Fair Deal administration does.

If Texas should elect some Republicans and give the indication that we were on the road toward becoming a two party state, both parties would do everything they could to help us. Consider the possibility of the tidelands problem coming before Congress. (And that is the avowed plan of U. S. Senator Tom Connally.) Attempting to win Texas away from the Fair Dealers, the GOP would vote to return the tidelands. To win Texas back, the Fair Dealers would be forced to vote the same way.

Religion does not require that a man be blind to common experience.

Unightly Bikes

Just a thought for the Senior Class campus beautification committee.

Even more unightly than some of our campus "walked-out" spots is the "bicycle park" which has sprung up beside the post office wing of the Memorial Student Center.

Not only has the grass been annihilated, but the bikes can't compete with that smooth tan wall for beauty.

We intend to investigate possibilities for erecting a bicycle rack on Houston street at the foot of the sidewalk. But until one can be erected, we think making the MSC "front yard" off limits for bicycle parking would be a worthwhile addition to your present beautification proposals.

Interpreting the News . . .

Judging Actions of Chinese Communists Difficult Task

By JAMES D. WHITE
AP Foreign News Analyst

Red China is making passes at three adjacent areas which have been much involved in China's long past—Korea, Tibet, and Indochina. The actual importance of China's current actions is difficult to judge. China's government is Communist and therefore it is next to impossible to know what really goes on. Even if you knew, it would be hard to assess it because of the newness and uncertainty of China's historically unique alliance with Russia. China and Russia have, in the past, quarrelled over both Korea and Tibet.

Korea, Tibet, and Indochina all have been part of the Chinese empire at times. In the last century, however, China herself has been invaded so much that the world has tended to forget the shape of the ancient balance of Asian power implied by her ties with these areas.

Loose Domination
Chinese domination of such outlying regions was generally very loose. Nominal tribute was levied in the most extreme cases. Korean kings ruled under the Chinese dragon on throne, and the remote, priestly sovereigns of Tibet merely acknowledged Chinese suzerainty. On paper they were part of the Chinese empire, and that was about all that was to it.

actually have invaded Tibet, or have been ordered to, should be taken with considerable salt until all the facts are known. There is the question of whether it is physically possible to invade the roof of the world at this time of year. Besides this, the Chinese obviously have been striving for a political subjugation of Tibet, having offered the Tibetans the same deal—on paper, anyway—that Tibet had with Chiang Kai-Shek. This was local self-government in return for acknowledgment of Chinese suzerainty.

New Interest
In the case of Korea, China has an entirely new interest in that region because of Japanese hydroelectric development along the Manchurian border. Here the largest power plant in Asia, at Suihou (Sungpu) on the Yalu River, links the economics of Manchuria and the nearby part of Korea far more intimately than the mere sharing of a fertile river valley ever did in the past. Thus far the Red Chinese soldiers picked up in Korea seem to hint that the Reds are trying to take precautions against losing their share of Suihou electricity—without getting really involved in the Korean war.

Their real intention remains to be disclosed, of course, but it seems unlikely that if they actually intended to leap into the Korean conflict and probably expand it to world war dimensions they either

would have done it long ago or done a more impressive job of it.

Already Aiding Indochina
It is quite possible that their greatest aggressive potential lies in the direction of Indochina, where they already are giving material and advisory help to the Communist Vietnamese guerrillas. In the past Indochina was a more intimate part of the Chinese empire than either Tibet or Korea ever became. It has more food to offer China, as well as coal and rubber. Its people are closer culturally and racially to the Chinese, and are under the French who symbolize western imperialism and the politically popular issue of its expulsion from Asia.

Status of Indochina
Chiang Kai-Shek's government swung from the French after World War II in an arrangement whereby Chinese Nationals had the same sort of extraterritorial status in Indochina that the French themselves had. The Chinese Reds have inherited this vested interest in Indochina and have a far larger minority of Chinese Nationals there than they have in either Korea or Tibet, although not as large as in some southeast Asian countries on down the line.

Whether all this preponderance of interest in Indochina means the Chinese Reds will risk war to keep it remains to be seen, but it's something to be kept in mind.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Letters To The Editor

Comments On Our Showing at Baylor

Editor, The Battalion:

This past weekend is undoubtedly the worst that any Aggie has experienced this year. We not only lost a football game to a team which we were supposedly favored over 14 points, but we also seemed to lose something which to me means much more—Aggie spirit and sportsmanship.

Forget the game and the outcome and what both teams did. Go up to the stands where I was and this is what you would have seen.

After the first score it seemed to be as predicted, but at halftime the story seemed to come out. I'll never be able to release from my memory the poor sportsmanship and lack of common decency shown by our yell leaders. I say yell leaders, because it was they that instigated the three yells which were given during the presentation of Baylor's homecoming queen.

The Corps and the entire A&M student body were within their rights to wildcat with the entrance of the Aggie team to the field but after that wildcat we, as a school of the SWC, should have had the decency, not necessarily sportsmanship, but the decency to wait until the queen was presented. Hitting the Corps yelling section which includes myself, we were never worse. We (speaking for the Aggies and myself) seemed to drop the Aggie team the minute they got behind and throughout the final half. Wildcatting at the "snap" was almost abandoned completely, something which has always been drilled into me every since I first attended an A&M football game. It was also the first time I had seen Aggies leave before the end of a game.

Another hit at the yell leaders. Why were more yells not given and since so many of the corpsmen asked for it during the second half, why didn't we sing the "War Hymn"?

(They the yell leaders) may have reasons, and I for one want to know them. I would also like to say that pregame affairs between the two schools didn't help matters any as the game results show. I hope we have learned our lesson.

I would like to take this stand: Let's forget about the Baylor game, concentrate on the coming game against Arkansas, and start backing the team—sincerely—with everything we have.

And I would also like to apologize to our Head football coach and his staff and the entire A&M football squad for our actions during the past week, and pledge that we will not put on such a display again.

Frank N. Manitzas '52

Editor, The Battalion:

For the first time in my stay at A&M, I am ashamed of the Cadet Corps. The spirit at the Baylor game Saturday was the worst I have ever seen.

Instead of yelling and encouraging the team when it made mistakes, it (Cadet Corps) gripped. It is really bad when the Aggie team is on the field fighting for us, and we are in the stands with our mouths closed.

HAVE THE AGGIES FORGOTTEN HOW TO YELL WHEN THE BALL IS SNAPPED?

The Corps failed to give the team the spirit it needed when the going got rough Saturday. Also going into Waco at 11:30 a. m. Saturday, I was amazed to see many Aggies hitchhiking toward Dallas and Fort Worth. Instead of staying four or five more hours and seeing the game, they left at 11:30. How bad can things get?

The team didn't let us down Saturday. We let them down.

Buddy Freeman, '52

Complaints About The TCU Weekend

Editor, The Battalion:

A letter from my Frog daughter, written after the TCU-Aggie game, says: "The Aggie student body should be gotten after about their attitude. During our school song Saturday they booted. Then all night some of them kept riding by where our team was staying and blew their horns and cut up so our boys couldn't sleep. The TCU student body doesn't appreciate it very much and A&M surely won't get the Sportsmanship Award if they keep that up."

This from a girl who grew up an Aggie and is still about as much Aggie as Frog.

Aggie students three years ago started the Sportsmanship Award movement. Probably 99 percent of the student body is for it and tries to be courteous hosts.

The Battalion in an editorial Friday before the game urged all-out hospitality to the visitors, and several groups of Aggies officially (and no doubt countless groups and individuals unofficially) did much to make the TCU folks welcome.

My guess is that the boogie was not aimed at TCU, and just by coincidence occurred during their song. But apparently our yell leaders or cadet corps leaders should be more on the alert to notice when the other school's song is started, and to stop any noise or other act of disrespect. In pregame yell practices or formations emphatic instructions should be repeated for everyone to be on the lookout for this.

Re the disturbance around the visiting team's quarters: A military student body whose graduates make the finest officers the army can find, has all it takes to stop that kind of crude impudence and quick. It would take only a little preventive organizing and policing.

Editor's Note: The letter and remarks made by Mr. Williams are sincerely appreciated, but we believe there was a little misunderstanding on the part of his daughter. (Her report of boogie during the school song is the only such report we have heard. We ourselves did

Behind the Scenes . . .

'Lady Without Passport' Salutes Immigration Office

By FRED WALKER

The fact that the United States Immigration Service can be as thorough and complete in its methods as any governmental agency of police is proved in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer "Lady Without Passport" which may be seen at the Campus Theatre today and tomorrow.

Hedy Lamarr, John Hodiak and George MacCreedy team with the romantic environment of Havana, Cuba to bring to the screen another well-meant salute to Immigration officials. How well the salute will be received is another matter indeed.

Exiled Hungarian

Assuming the part of an exiled representative of Hungarian aristocracy in order to gain the confidence of alien smugglers, Hodiak unquestionably falls for a certain member of the human currency—one Hedy Lamarr. It seems that Miss Lamarr has been in the "fleeing alien" business for some time, during which period her opinion of mankind has fallen to a low ebb. With such thought of distrust running through her mind, it is no wonder that the eager John is roundly greeted with the proverbial icy shoulder.

Hodiak had meant to use this charming alien as the needed link of evidence at first, but after many palpatations and tremors, that silly excuse was discarded. But as Kismet would have it, a pair of hoods clobber the frustrated paramour and discover his unholy connections with the law.

Next Step

The next for MacCreedy, who is the gentleman with the smuggling tendencies, is to inform Lamarr of Hodiak's identity for after all, there can't be two men and only woman.

When the truth is revealed, Hedy is perturbed with the whole situation, and agree to join the group being smuggled into the States.

In the meantime John overcomes the guard assigned to him by MacCreedy and runs about shouting, "Somebody, Somebody, Somebody stole mah gal." He finally contacts boss-man James Craig and the office starts the tracking down process.

Stumps Immigration

Immigration is stumped for a while, for the marked plane used in transfer of the aliens had been a blind. The real craft is discovered by a naval observation patrol craft and the chase commences. For several dull minutes, while Hodiak worries about his damsel, the aliens pirate indescribable platitudes on life, and the audience waits for something to happen, the plane runs out of gas and is forced to crash-land.

Of course Lamarr, MacCreedy and the pilot leave the refugees and strike out alone. The last member is killed by a coral snake and the final scene occurs between the two survivors and the degged Hodiak who has pursued them through many miles of everglades.

The most convincing performance of someone not sitting in the student section.

(As to disturbing the team, that blame can be laid to another source. The team was quartered in Bryan, which, that particular night, was well-populated by students from two rival high schools loudly celebrating the results of their games. The "cutting up" and horn blowing, we're quite sure, was of their doing.)

(In passing, we might mention a very noticeable lack of respect by a member of the Frog team during the playing of our song. We won't specify names, since it was pretty generally noticed. (We might also mention that this is the only non-complimentary word we've heard officially from TCU concerning that week-end.)



was turned in by MacCreedy who could be applauded largely. As for Lamarr and Hodiak, each will appeal to opposite sexes of the audience.

Music by David Raskin was passable, while the photography of Paul G. Vogel was very good. The latter tried mainly to arrange shots from unusual angles, there- by giving the audience some expressionism rarely seen.

In these days of mediocre films this picture is to be considered better than most in spite of a prevailing air of ridiculous romanticism.

Comment: Particularly enjoyable are the scenic shots and those displaying the night life of Havana.

From the City Desk . . .

School Kids Show Aggie Enthusiam

By Joel Austin

Thursday afternoon we took a short tour of the A&M Consolidated school campus with one of our staff members who has been assigned to report news from out there. Many A&M students would pleasantly surprised to see the way those kids strive to correlate their activities with those at A&M.

True to the college whose campus their school adjoins, the students are strictly pro-Aggie in every respect.

Take for example the bonfire that was nearing completion while we were there. Although not the massive structure which is built on A&M's drill field for the pre-Thanksgiving yell practice, the boards and logs were arranged in much the same fashion as the TU bonfire.

Naturally, to follow the Aggie tradition, there was an "out door rest room" right up on top with big letters painted in the school colors of maroon and white saying, "Beat Bastrop—Beat the Bears!"

Thursday morning Aggie football player Charley Royalty and P. L. "Pinky" Downs were judges for a poster sign contest at the high school. And again, just like the Aggies, the students used rhymes and drawings in an effort to make the signs and posters as clever as possible.

Of course the high school students had to show their classmates that the Aggies couldn't out-do them with their recent painting escapades to Waco and other places.

On the sidewalk in front of the high school were the words, "Beat the H. . . Outa Bastrop." Principal L. E. Boze made the students clean the paint off the sidewalk, but on close inspection the imprint can still be seen.

Though spirit is a fine thing, we go along with Principal Boze on the painting spree. Leaving the paint buckets at home won't cut-down on spirit a bit. And it will save a lot of people some scrubbing time.

Yes, they've got the spirit out there at Consolidated.

And although the Tigers suffered a 27-12 drubbing at the hands of the Bears, the spirit still remains. Yell leaders out there should have no trouble getting a good response from the cheering section when the traditional "Gig 'em Tigers" yell is given at the Consolidated-Somerville game Friday night.

Dance Instruction Questionnaire

(See Story, Page One)

Name: _____

Type of Dance Instruction: _____

Circle one of the following phases of instruction:
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Battle Monument To Be Erected

Washington (AP)—The American Battle Monuments Commission Tuesday approved a design for a 104-foot tower to be constructed at Manila as a memorial to American war dead.

The tower is to contain a devotional chapel and rooms with maps in mosaic or other permanent material, depicting achievements of American fighting men in the Pacific.

Brig. Gen. Thomas North, secretary, announced the commission also approved: A mosaic map to be about 40 feet by 16 feet depicting achievements of American forces in France. The map is to be installed in the memorial at Epinal, France, cussed by Mrs. Marian Cullom Miss Frances Arnold.

A sculptured figure for Omaha Beach, France. An etched glass wall for the Memorial at Luxembourg Cemetery.

Models for figures of American fighting men to be placed at Cambridge, England.

A sculptured figure for St. James Cemetery in Brittany, France. The commission also approved landscaping plans for Anzio (Italy), for Luxembourg, and for Epinal (France) by Homer-Fry of Waco, Tex.

