

# Freedom of Speech Is on Trial . . .

A theatre manager in the little East Texas town of Marshall promises to be the key

## Preparedness Cost Prevention Is Worth

WHETHER we like it or not, a mad scramble seems to be under way to separate the world into two armed camps. Russian gains in this respect began when they took the offensive in World War II, and the gains would have continued if the Korean conquest had not made their designs so obvious. Continued peace—we use the term loosely—apparently depends on the old "balance of power" concept.

The immediate plan seems to be primarily a line of demarcation in the Pacific maintained by the U. N. "police force". This should result in the assured independence of Korea, and a feeling of security in any other country menaced by the Soviet protection plan. The implications of the invasion of Tibet, however, are still obscure. The question is whether we will concede this Theocracy as being of no importance, or attempt to send aid.

The long range plan involves the mobilization of all the Atlantic Pact nations under a mutual aid program that will insure a united front against Communism. German manpower is definitely needed, but the French are against any large scale German re-armament. The United States and Britain have suggested and guaranteed controls, but the French Defense Minister, Jules Moch, has not given his approval as yet.

Along with these plans, of course, goes the race for technological and productive superiority. Until the U. N. comes through with a workable plan, we have no other alternative than to take every possible counter measure to hold down the Soviet advantage. The American objective still is prevention of World War III, and we must agree that such prevention is worth the cost of preparedness.

figure in proving that the movie industry has come of age. For a long time now, the movie industry, guided by Eric Johnston, has been seeking equal rights with newspapers. Pointing out the fact that through newsreels and movies of current affairs it has tremendous value in influencing public opinion, the industry has fought attempts at local censorship. The case of the theatre manager in Marshall may bring the problem of local censorship before the United States Supreme Court.

When Marshall's censorship board banned "Pinky," a movie of a "half-white" Negro in the South, W. L. Gelling, manager of the Paramount Theatre, openly defied the board and showed the picture for three days. He was also kept in jail until he could obtain bail for his release.

And if you listen to Johnston, president of the motion picture Association of America, you will believe that Gelling may be the John Peter Zenger of the movie industry. A jury's acquittal of Zenger, charged with belittling a representative of the British Brown back in 1735, was the first great step in establishing the freedom of the press in this country.

Several times before, the industry has attempted to get a test case before the Supreme Court. Attempted test cases in Atlanta, Georgia, and Memphis, Tennessee, have met with no success thus far. Since this case is such a clear cut attempt at censorship for local prejudice and since it appears that Gelling will be defeated in the Court of Criminal Appeals, the motion picture industry has a better chance this time.

If the movie people are successful in their fight, the motion picture will take its rightful place alongside the newspaper and magazine as a powerful weapon for truth.

*When partners have to watch each other the partnership, regardless of legal forms, is over.*

# Reds Maintain Tactical Force . . .

## USAF, Russian AF Compared

By MAX BOYD

Washington, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The Navy said today that the authorized operating strength of Russia's Air Force is estimated conservatively at 14,000 combat planes.

It added that this estimate does not include Russian naval aviation, transport planes or trainers.

A Navy spokesman gave that explanation of a statement appearing in "Naval Aviation News," magazine of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics. Exactly how much of such "authorized" strength has been achieved, the Navy official did not attempt to say.

### Russia Has 14,000 Aircraft

The magazine, which is an official publication, put the Russian picture this way:

"The Soviet Union today is said to have an air force of upwards of 14,000 operational aircraft, including some jet fighters and TU-4 (B-29 type) medium bombers.

"It's strategic (long-range) bombing force is relatively small, although this arm appears to have been stressed in the Soviet post-war program.

"Naval aviation is land-based, having no aircraft carriers from which to operate."

### Built to Back Up Ground Force

"Naval Aviation News" said the Soviet concept of air power is clouded by censorship, propaganda, and frequent reorganization. But because Russia is a land power, the magazine expressed belief that the primary purpose of Russian air power will probably be to back up the Russian army by tactical operations, which usually are of short or medium

range. Comparison of the newly published estimate with the operational combat strength of the U. S. Air Force is difficult. Since early in the Korean conflict, the American Air Force has stopped releasing figures on the total number of combat planes it operates. However, last June 30 it was officially disclosed to be operating 3,200, with an additional 4,600 in storage.

(Operational refers to planes in active service, as against those in storage or otherwise classed as non-operational.)

### U. S. Air Force Comparative Figures

On June 30 the total number of planes available in the U. S. Air Force the Air Force Reserve, the Air National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol was 20,800. However, in addition to the non-operational combat planes, this total included 9,100 Air Force utility planes—transports, trainers and other types not in the combat category covered by the estimate of Russian strength. This total also included a number of transports, trainers and other non-combat planes in the Air Guard, Reserve and Civil Air Patrol.

As to Naval aviation, which is outside the estimate of Russian Air Force strength, the U. S. Navy and Marines had on June 30 approximately 6,000 active planes, including transports and trainers as well as combat types. Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, the chief of naval operations, has disclosed that the Navy and Marines hope to raise the number of active combat and non-combat planes to about 7,100 by the end of next June.

# The Battalion

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

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# Letters to The Editor

Editor, The Battalion:

The leading letter in today's (Friday's) "Letters to the Editor" column advocates more thought before writing a letter but proceeds to show that they fail to practice what they preach.

In their rush to condemn the Aggie seniors who wrote a previous letter, they put forth what seemed to be the first thing that came to their minds.

They state, "Class distinction at A&M is one of the oldest and most revered traditions of this school," but go on to say, in effect, that it doesn't make a damn what a senior or upperclassman thinks or says. According to the writers, it is more or less a freshman's or an underclassman's duty to tell the above classes what he thinks of his upperclassman's ideas. Speaking of traditions, this is contrary to all A&M traditions. Surely the letter writers will agree that after 3 years in the corps a senior should have the say as to what the underclassmen say, do, wear and go. They should also concede the fact that before a man can become a good officer, he should learn to take orders as well as give them. This practice of orienting freshmen officers is followed not only here at A&M but at West Point and Annapolis.

True, students come here to increase their ability of thinking. The tradition that a freshman does not think and keeps his opinions to himself isn't followed merely to make "yes men" out of them. It is one of A&M's ways of orienting them to the life of a junior officer and also as a way of bringing them down to their own level.

## Russians Planning Cheap Television

Berlin.—(AP)—The Russian zone government was reported building a dirt cheap television set to pipe Communism into millions of German homes.

A West Berlin film and radio agency said the Communist regime would be ready to deliver television sets "at the latest" in 1952 and at a price of 600 east marks (\$28.50).

At this price, the industry obviously would have to be subsidized by the state.

The Berlin agency said the Russian zone erected its television plant out of the ashes of Nazi research which had made considerable strides before it was knocked out by the war.

In a letter to the West Berlin city government, the agency urged a counter project.

The film-radio group said Western technicians and artists are available for television. Dr. Herbert Antoino, radio representative for the city government, said the project would be worthy and interesting but that the city lacks funds.

## Marines Fight Best with Food —Or For It

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Marines in Northeast Korea have added a little variation to that famed statement about an army fighting best on a full stomach.

"They've appended—"or for one." The Navy told about it today in a dispatch from the Marine Corps Air Base at Wonsan.

Recently, the dispatch related, a transport plane parachuted food for men of the First Marine Division near Kato, Northwest of Hamhung. Air currents caused the "chutes to drift into Communist-held territory.

The next morning a Marine from the ground unit came back from the front and encountered a member of the drop crew.

"We were sorry to see that food drop go over in the Red lines," the Marine air sergeant apologized.

"I suppose someone had to go hungry last night."

"We did like hell," exclaimed the Marine.

"The company commander broke us out of our foxholes and made us capture that sector to get our chow back. We all ate."

I agree with the writers when they say that A&M "has always... had the tradition of turning out the best men in the world." However, if that is so, how was this accomplished in the past when a more rigid form of class distinction was practiced than is now? That is the purpose of class distinction, of rigid rules on underclassmen, and of the more or less hard life they lead—to weed out the boys who are not yet willing to submit to the hardships of responsibility. If the college is more interested in the quality of its graduates instead of the quantity of them, they will continue class distinction more so than now.

Seniors do not set themselves up as "gods," but as leaders who should have the respect due to leaders. If this right of being obeyed is not present, what has a cadet entering A&M to look forward to except a nice quiet college life which he could just as well get at any other school in this state. We don't want to be like other schools, we want to be better!

I was not one of the seniors who signed the "totally ill-founded" letter referred to today, and I'm sorry because I didn't sign it but they only expressed, in possibly a poor way, any Aggie senior's concern over the rights or authority that is due him. I use the term "Aggie senior" to mean one who wants men, who have gone through the orientation needed to make good officers and civilians, to graduate from this college and not boys.

Maybe in the eyes of some this will not seem a "sensible letter but it is the opinion of myself and many others, of all classes.

Allan M. Wilson, '51

## New War Hymn Verse Suggested

Editor, The Battalion: Upon reading about the difficulties over the Aggie War Hymn and the fact that it is not really suitable except at the Texas A&M versus Texas game—I have written a new verse (which even though not as good as more suitable for all times) which I thought you might be interested in. I have thought for a long time it was sort of silly to sing "Goodbye to Texas University" to every one we play—but didn't think anyone would be interested in changing it until I read what the Head Yell-leader had to say in Wednesday's paper. I suppose you are the best one to send this to—

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# 42,000,000 Expected To Visit Polls Today

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Here's a quick run-down on today's national elections.

About 42,000,000 people are expected to vote. If they do, they'll set a record for a non-presidential election.

Thirty-six of the 96 Senate seats and all 435 House seats are at stake.

And this year the people of 33 states have to elect governors. (Maine has already elected a governor and three House members.)

Democrats and Republicans have both spent around \$1,000,000 each in this year's campaigns.

### Republicans Outnumbered

At this moment in the Senate the Democrats outnumber the Republicans, 54 to 42, or 12 more. The Republicans need a net gain of seven to get control.

In the House the Republicans need 49 more members to grab control. To do this they must keep their present strength of 169, fill their own three vacant seats, and pick up 46 from the Democrats.

Among the 48 states right now the Democratic governors outnumber the Republicans, 29 to 19.

In the 33 governorships being filled this year, the Democrats hold 17 posts, the Republicans 16.

### No Opponents

(In three southern states the Republicans have offered no candidates against Governors Herman E. Talmadge, Georgia; Gordon Browning, Tennessee; and candidate James F. Byrnes, South Carolina.)

To a Russian Communist there probably wouldn't seem much to choose between any of the Democratic and Republican candidates.

But to the people of this country, where the big fights are always between Democrats and Republicans, apparently there is quite a wide difference, since they seem to take the campaigns seriously enough.

This year the Republicans are putting up a ding-dong battle all over the country, two of the toughest fights being in Ohio and California.

In California two members of the House—Helen Gahagan Douglas, Democrat, and Richard M. Nixon, Republican—are battling for a Senate seat.

### Taft Opponent

In Ohio, Republican Senator Robert A. Taft is trying to keep his Democratic opponent, State Audi-

tor Joseph T. Ferguson, from unseating him.

Except for President Truman, the political bigshots in both camps have been pretty cautious with their forecasts, although both sides claim victory before the voting starts.

With the exception of one two-year period—1947 and 1948—when the Republicans had control of Congress, the Democrats have had a majority in both House and Senate since 1933, with a Democratic president in the White House now for 17 unbroken years.

## Heep Dairy Award Will Be Presented

The annual Herman F. Heep Awards in Dairy Husbandry will be presented at a meeting of the Cream and Kow Klub Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The sophomore, junior and senior with the highest scholastic record of his class for the preceding year will receive \$100.00 and the next highest man of each class gets \$50.00.

Only Dairy Husbandry majors are eligible for these scholarships. Adoption of a new and broader constitution for the club will also be covered in the meeting at 7:30 in Room 3D of the Memorial Student Center.

All Dairy majors are urged to come, for the recipients of the scholarships will not be named until meeting time.

# UN Action Awaits Revelation Of Chinese Intent in Korea

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The world's diplomats waited today for a clearer revelation of Communist China's intent in Korea, and for United Nations reaction, in the search for clues to the possibility of a new general war.