

Battalion Editorials

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The Johnson Grass Club Will Meet . . .

THE BATT is interested in your story. We don't care how small or how large it is, if it's newsworthy, then we're glad to publish it.

But every now and then we slip up in our job. Some story you want on the front

Isn't it funny that we never miss the moon until we can't see it?

We Must Go One Way Or The Other

SENATOR Lyndon Johnson has reduced the isolationist philosophy to its fundamental result. "Where we have been bold and courageous and have stood up like free men ought to, we have avoided war. But, when we behaved like isolationists, we have become involved in two wars." The present situation leaves the United States with two alternatives, the Senator continued.

One course is a continuation of our present state of semi-mobilization. This policy according to Johnson would bleed us white in another 15 or 20 years suppressing Russian provoked uprisings.

The other course of action is immediate and full mobilization of all our manpower and equipment. This would be followed by an ultimatum to the one great enemy of Democracy to the effect that we do not covet her lands, but we will not tolerate aggression—stop aggression or else!

These remarks were part of Senator Johnson's speech to the student body of Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas. The occasion was the dedication of the Lois Perkins Chapel. This three story semi-Gothic Church is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls, Texas.

For Cold Korea Weather . . .

Troops Need Winter Uniforms

By DON WHITEHEAD

On the Chongchon River Front, Korea, Nov. 15—(AP)—A bitterly cold winter is closing in on the American army in North Korea, and the troops are not fully equipped for it.

There is an icy touch to the North wind; the temperature at night is falling well below freezing; but a great many troops still are wearing cotton fatigues over long underwear.

Some army supply men say cold-weather equipment is in Korea and is being distributed to frontline units. Yet along the roads and windswept fields there are more men in thin cotton garments than in woollens.

One officer said each soldier should have:

- A pair of shoes with thick felt lining and at least two pairs of woolen socks.
- Long woolen underwear.
- Woolen trousers and shirts and sweater.
- Windbreaker trousers slipped over the woolen trousers.
- A padded lining to wear under a cotton combat jacket.
- Wool-lined gloves or mittens and a warm cap with ear flaps.

This equipment may have been distributed to some units, but I have yet to see a soldier with all

of it, and the days and nights are growing colder.

"Six Below in January"

In January the temperature averages about six degrees Fahrenheit below zero. This means that many days and nights will be much colder than that, bringing the extreme danger of frozen hands, feet and faces.

In Italy and Germany during the last war winter clothing and equipment was slow in arriving. The winter of 1943-44 in Italy caught troops without adequate clothing. They shivered the mountains for weeks. In the Belgian Battle of the Bulge the Americans likewise were unprepared for fighting in a snow-covered land.

In Europe, many troops found shelter in sturdy buildings. In North Korea they must live for the most part in foxholes or tents, there are few villages and towns with houses suitable for army use.

Must Build Bonfires

The troops now are chopping down trees and ripping timbers from destroyed buildings for bonfires to keep themselves warm. These fires dot the countryside and can be seen at night for miles across the valleys.

Combat units, of course, cannot even have the comfort of camp-

fires, lest they disclose troop positions. This little luxury is only for those far enough behind the lines to be reasonably safe from observation.

Some officers say privately that winter clothes and equipment are slow in arriving because of the general belief three weeks ago that the war in Korea was ending.

"Apparently our wheels stopped turning when it looked like the war was over," one officer said. "Now they have to crank things up again."

In the meantime, a lot of American troops are going to be very cold and uncomfortable until they receive winter gear.

"Clothes Were Shipped"

The army said in Washington that ample supplies of winter clothing and equipment were shipped to the Far East command many weeks ago and should be available to the troops fighting in Korea.

A spokesman explained that the winter combat program was started in July, when American forces were hanging on to the Pusan beachhead. He said that there was no let-up in either planning or shipment of winter equipment after the sudden change in the outlook for U. N. forces immediately following the capture of Seoul in September.



Strong Foes Unseated . . .

Tidelands Fight Aided by Election

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series on the effects of last Tuesday's elections.)

By MAC ROY RASOR

Austin, Tex., Nov. 15—(AP)—Chances for a Texas victory in the Congressional fight for its tidelands were helped rather than hurt in Tuesday's elections, Attorney General Price Daniel said.

"At least, all strong advocates for state ownership were returned to Congress and several of the strongest foes were unseated," the state's chief attorney told the Associated Press.

"We are now within 10 votes of a two-thirds majority in the Senate with 19 votes still undecided. We lost three foes in the House," he said.

Two-Thirds Majority

The two-thirds majority would be necessary to override a presidential veto of legislation recognizing state ownership of tidelands. Such a veto is considered certain.

Daniel said the tidelands issue has never followed party lines strictly, and therefore chances for a Texas victory would not rise or fall strictly on the party in power.

"I am certainly not gloating over any Republican victories," he said. "The Democrats refused to put Federal control for tidelands into their political platform just as the Republicans put state ownership in theirs."

Changes in the Senate, Daniel said, assured a net gain of four votes in the State's favor. They are James Duff (R) of Pennsylvania, E. M. Dirksen (R) of Illinois, Wallace F. Bennett (R) of Utah and George A. Smathers (D) of Florida.

California Vote Stays

Victory for Richard M. Nixon (R) in California assured the state of holding a favorable vote there. Mrs. Helen Douglas, Nixon's opponent, had been an outspoken foe of state-owned tidelands. It was an issue in their campaign.

One of the arch foes of State-owned tidelands in the Senate, Senator Forrest Donnell (R) of Missouri, was defeated. Daniel said Donnell was responsible for a 17-day filibuster against the bill in

Russia Building Strong Navy on Osolete Ideas

London, Nov. 13—AP—An unofficial British survey of the World's armed forces said yesterday Russia is rapidly building up a strong Navy based on ideas other nations fear to be outmoded.

The survey, "Brassey's 1950 Annual," said other Navies generally are awaiting a satisfactory answer to the destructive potential of the Atom bomb, the guided missile and the fast submarine.

The annual, which has been published here for 64 years, said Russia has completed two 35,000-ton battleships this year and has more under construction. It said the battleships mount nine 16-inch guns and can make 29 knots.

The survey said the Soviet Union also has commissioned one or two aircraft carriers this year. It gave Russia's present submarine strength as 380 and said she plans to expand her underwater fleet to 1,000 by the end of 1951.

"There is an impression of unreality about this Russian naval expansion, if only because it seems to be based on a faulty conception of modern naval requirements," Brassey's said.

Similar reports of Russia's big naval building program have been printed in the authoritative "Jane's Fighting Ships" and in Swedish newspapers.

Letters

Traditions Good, If Not Outdated

Editor, The Battalion:

I think that the letter which appeared in yesterday's Battalion by Bob Martin reached the height of stupidity. I like traditions myself, but only when they serve their purpose better than new ideas.

I think that students are just as intelligent now as they were when most of our traditions were formed, and times have certainly changed, so if we think we can make something better, then let's go ahead.

I think the change in name of the annual was a big improvement and that a change in the "War Hymn" would be too. The head coach and head yell leader have expressed their opinions, so why not find out what the students think?

If the majority favor a change, then let's find a way to change it. Let's not let tradition stand in the way of improvement.

L. K. Berry

P. S. Although I don't exactly like Mrs. Smith's verse, I think she should be congratulated for trying. It seems she is more interested in the school than some Aggies.

Thank You, Mr. Editor

Editor, The Battalion:

One week ago (Nov. 7) I was very angry because I had been awakened two hours ahead of time by the MSC chimes. I wrote a letter to you complaining. The next morning I failed to hear the chimes and thinking I had made a mistake I requested that my letter not be published. The letter did not appear—until today (Nov. 14).

I have heard the chimes at 4:15 only once since I wrote to you, so this letter is intended as a retraction of my complaint, and to thank you for being so prompt in not publishing my letter.

Thank You, Again
Jack T. Medlin

(Editor's Note: Mr. Medlin, we apologize. But, by way of explanation, we should like to point out an error that not only you, but other letter writers have made.

Issue Really In Congress

"Of course, the major importance of the election in the tidelands issue was in Congress," the attorney general said. Following repeated decisions from the U. S. Supreme Court upholding Federal claim to the oil-rich submerged lands, the state's fight was swung back to Congress where it was originated by the National Association of Attorneys General before the present suits were filed.

The association has continuously sponsored state ownership legislation since 1945, Daniel said.

In Texas, revenues from the lands have gone to the permanent school fund. They have brought more than 8 million dollars in the past two years.

"Letters to the Editor" mean "to the editor," not to just anyone on The Battalion staff. Your letters should be delivered to one of the co-editors by mail, or by leaving it in their box in the Batt office.

(The same goes for "requests not to publish." We had not been given your message, hence we published your letter.)

(We do not know to whom you delivered your letter, but we did not find it until Monday evening. It was on our desk. Assuming that it had been delivered during the day, we checked your name for authenticity and scheduled the letter for Tuesday's paper. (Sorry to have inconvenienced you.)

From the City Desk . . .

Committee Sees No Action Yet

By Joel Austin



Last Friday's meeting of the Citizens Committee for Fire Protection brought about little or no results as far as the committee's work is concerned.

According to reports we received concerning the meeting, the only thing accomplished was a general organization of the group and agreement of the committee to hold another meeting in the near future.

Some investigations have to be made by the committee, although we doubt that the committee will find very many things that can be added to College Station's method of fire protection that will not cost more than this city is capable of financing.

But those people whose job it is to look into the situation may come up with some solution which will do enough for the city to justify their job.

Giving a little credit where credit is due, we might mention committeemen's names: L. P. Gabbard, chairman; E. E. McQuillen, E. E. Vezey, C. F. Rainwater, T. R. Holleman, L. D. Smith, B. B. Brown, L. E. McCall, J. H. Sorrels, C. W. Crawford, and C. J. Keese.

Streets Ready for Rains

City Manager Raymond Rogers tells us that he and his maintenance crews have been busy the past few weeks repairing streets and bridges and getting everything in shape before the winter rains begin.

He said the project should be completed within a week or so. Included in the work was the cleaning of ditch openings, patching of holes in pavement, and various other maintenance work.

Hot-topping several streets has been the work which has kept his men occupied for the last few days.

New City Policemen

College Station now has ten new policemen, but their duties will be primarily limited to the college campus. These men are all members of the college's Campus Security force and are to be commissioned special College Station police.

The City Council agreed to give the campus policemen the authority to investigate anything which they thought necessary during their regular college duty hours.

As members of the campus police, the men are deputy sheriffs of Brazos County, and now, with added authority—lawbreakers beware!

Chest Tabulations Incomplete

Dr. H. G. Johnson, chairman of the 1950 Community Chest campaign said last night that all indications point toward reaching the chest goal of \$11,000.

Although some of the various departments of the college were slow in turning in their donations, he said the committee's request of college employees to give one day's salary will do much to help the goal over the top.

Secretary of the Committee Johnny Longly mentioned the fact that contributions of businessmen in the city will constitute a substantial amount of this year's fund.

No money has been counted yet, but Longly said the committee expects to have some figures ready by the end of the week.

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By Al Capp

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OO'S THAT ? CHO!!—IT'S THE "ORROR!!"—WITH ITS 'EAD TUCKED UNDERNEATH ITS ARM!!

LOOK 'ERE!! I KNOWS YOU'RE TH' IDEOUS APPARITION OF THE ORIGINAL EARL OF OTFOOT—BUT YOU GOT NO RIGHT TO 'ORRIFY NOBODY, TILL MIDNIGHT!!

—AND YOU'VE NO RIGHT, SIR, TO LEAVE THE CASTLE!!—AND MAY I ASK, SIR, WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH MY SUITCASE ?

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