

Worth the Extra Steps . . .

TODAY begins a campaign, which if properly promoted and allowed to encompass other campus "eye sores," may result in a vastly more beautiful campus in years to come.

We are referring to the campus beautification campaign sponsored by the Senior Class, which today opened its "don't walk on the grass drive" in an effort to get grass planted in several unsightly areas on the campus.

The beautification campaign is being carried on in co-operation with the College Grounds Maintenance Department, which has planned a re-seeding program for the entire campus later this year.

The Grounds Department recognized early that their work would be of little value if student and college staff co-operation were not obtained in keeping walkers and bicycle riders off the grass.

The Senior Class campus beautification

committee was created to obtain that needed co-operation. Signs, appeals in The Battalion, and announcements in the dining halls are all a part of a concerted campaign this week to bring the beautification effort to the attention of students and the college staff.

We think chairman Bob Sturdivant and his committee have a big job on their hands, but a very worthwhile one. If this campaign is successful other efforts to correct unsightly sections of the campus will be in order.

The Battalion appeals to you on behalf of the student body to give your attention to making this initial campaign a success by confining your walking to sidewalks only in the areas designated.

If the campaign is successful, we feel that the resulting greener, more attractive appearance of the campus will be reward enough for the few extra steps we will have taken in carrying it out.

What's Behind China Intervention? . . .

CHESS is the national pastime of Russia, and the "move and counter move" intrigue in Korea indicates that international politics is just another variation. The Chinese Red intervention caught our strategists napping, and the full implication is not yet obvious. Speculation centers around three possible objectives.

The most startling of these is the "war of attrition" concept which has shattered our hopes of an immediate and successful conclusion of the whole affair. Winter is definitely on the Red's side in this respect, and there are more than enough Red troops to tie up all our forces for the entire winter. Indeed, a handful of men striking at random from behind the border sanctuary could tie up a large U.N. force indefinitely.

The second possibility is the possible attempt to use this intervention to force U.N. recognition of Red China. Admittedly, the bargaining power of some 500,000 troops is considerable. In any case this Soviet inspired bid for recognition should end any ideas that they are "agrarian communists"

to be considered different from the Moscow variety.

The remaining possibility is the attempt to establish a so-called "buffer zone" to insure the security of certain border installations. Their military moves seem to bear this out because the Reds have made no attempt to launch a concerted drive to run us off the peninsula. Such a drive would no doubt subject the major cities of China to retaliatory bombardment, and this may be one thing they would like to avoid as long as possible.

Many people believe that World War III is already here. If this is not true, we can safely say that possibilities were never better for a worldwide conflict.

It is obvious that our foreign policy leaves much to be desired, but the situation calls for definite action and long range thinking. We cannot handle serious and unanticipated foreign complications to advantage, and we cannot permit the Reds to continue their advantage in this respect.

Operation Santa Claus . . .

Shopping by Remote Control

By ANNE HUTH

Tokyo, Nov. 21—(AP)—In the package was a pair of corduroys, size one.

The message that went with the parcel said: "Never having seen you, I just hope this fits. Love, daddy."

Another parcel contained a stuffed toy and this note: "Hope some day we can get acquainted, son."

These were Christmas gifts from U. S. soldiers fighting in Korea.

The soldiers never saw the presents they were sending home. Nor did they write the cards that carry their greetings to loved ones.

The shopping and card writing is being done by some 300 American

women, volunteer workers with the Red Cross. They call it "operation Santa Claus."

It's remote control shopping; a special service enabling GIs in war-torn Korea to send home Christmas remembrances from well stocked stores in Japan.

"Operation Santa Claus" started late in October. It was evident then the Korean war wasn't almost over after all. U. S. troops would not be home by Christmas.

Chairman of the shopping organization set up by the American women in Japan is Mrs. Anthony F. Story of Los Angeles. She's the wife of General MacArthur's personal pilot.

Operations began in Tokyo and its great port city of Yokohama.

About 100 orders a day are being handled.

In most of Korea soldiers were given a list of gifts available. All they had to do was fill out an order blank.

It was impossible, however, to get order blanks to some forward units. They were advised to write "Operation Santa Claus," enclosing whatever they wished to spend and a description of the person who would receive the gifts.

In Japan the women volunteers make out customs declarations, complete other necessary formalities and scour the shops to find what the soldiers ordered.

Most popular gift? Noritake China. More than 250 (See CHRISTMAS, Page 4)

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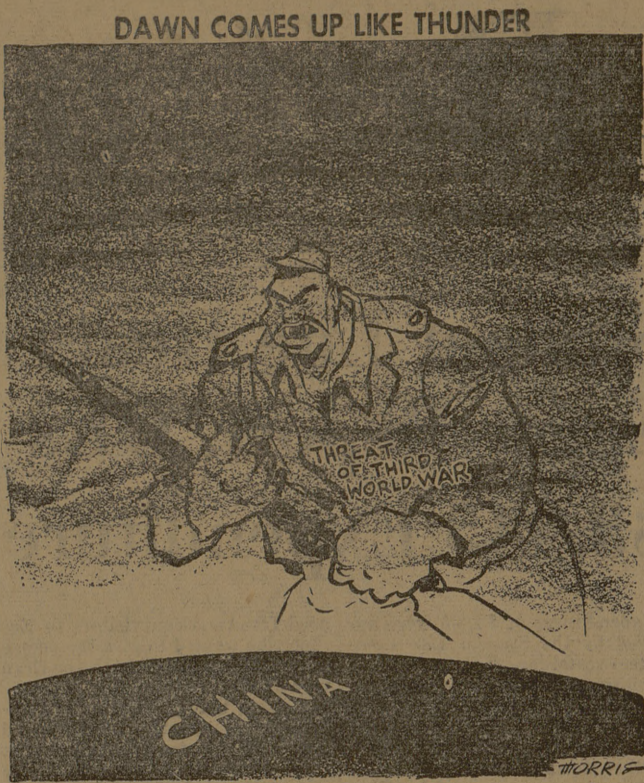
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Republicans to Back Truman Foreign Policy On 'Condition'

By JACK BELL

Washington, Nov. 21—(AP)—Senator Ives (R-N.Y.) said today President Truman will have to take Republicans into his confidence if he wants their backing on foreign policy.

Blaming the President for a breakdown in bipartisan cooperation, Ives told reporters the Republicans have not been consulted in the past on the formation of many major decisions.

"I am a strong advocate of the bipartisan foreign policy but we are never going to have any effective cooperation until Republican spokesmen are consulted in the

formation of policies," he said. "Not Republican Fault"

"Where the bipartisan policy has fallen down, it has not been the Republicans' fault. Basically, it has been the President's fault and there must be a change in attitude on his part."

Ives, a strong backer of Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) in the latter's role as GOP foreign policy spokesman, added his voice to those who have been urging that Secretary of State Acheson be replaced. The President has said Acheson is staying and Acheson said he had no plans to resign.

"As one of those who supported

Rogge Denounces Reds, Gets Terrific Booing

By MAX HALL

Washington, Nov. 21—(AP)—O. John Rogge, a hefty man with a hog-caller voice, once did a wrecking job on the Huey Long machine. Later he prosecuted 30 persons in a fantastic mass sedition trial in Washington.

Still later he became associated with numerous "peace" undertakings under Communist sponsorship here and abroad.

This week he went behind the iron curtain and stuck pins in the Stalinists and made them furious.

Denounces Aggression

In Warsaw, Poland, at one of those world peace meetings that the Communists are forever sponsoring, Rogge got the floor Sunday and dramatically denounced Communist aggression and Communist "religious fanaticism," which he called a roadblock to human progress. The booing was terrific.

It was not the first time that Rogge had criticized Russia in such meetings, but he had never gone so far before. Not everybody bood. Some delegates from non-Communist countries applauded. There could be no doubt that the Soviet propaganda drive had been dealt a blow.

Rogge's career, so bewildering to most Americans, parallels that of Henry Wallace in some respects.

Both men were kicked out of the Truman administration in the fall of 1946.

Worked With Wallace

Both came to believe that it was possible to work with Communists toward the objective of peace. They thought the U. S. was handling the international situation all wrong. They worked together in the progressive party, which put Wallace up for president in 1948.

Now both men have become disillusioned about the peaceful intentions of world Communism. Wallace has quit the progressive party. Rogge stayed in the party to try to persuade it to stop blaming the U. S. for the Korean war. (So far he has made no headway.) Rogge also tried to change the Communist-sponsored "Stockholm Peace Appeal" and, failing, renounced his support of it.

Notable Student Record

Rogge (pronounced Roggy) is 46 years old. He was born on a farm in Illinois, of German immigration parents. He made a notable record at the University of Illinois and the Harvard law school.

As a young Chicago lawyer he was called into the government from time to time to prosecute tough cases for the reconstruction finance corporation, securities and exchange commission, and treasury department.

In 1939 he joined the Justice department as assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division. He spent eight months in Louisiana, spreading alarm and prison sentences among political heirs of Huey Long, who had been assassinated in 1935.

Rogge left the department at the end of 1940, but was brought back in 1943 to prosecute the famous mass sedition case. After seven

months of courtroom nightmare, the judge died and a mistrial was declared.

Until the sedition case, Rogge had seemed utterly oblivious to political considerations or ideologies.

Turning Point

In 1946 came a turning point in his life. He went to Europe to gather evidence for a resumption of the sedition case, and collected a lot of material on American fascists. He came back zealous and full of fight.

Rogge made a report to Attorney General Tom Clark. Clark didn't publish it. Rogge began making speeches about his findings. Clark fired him on the ground of violating regulations.

Rogge entered private practice in New York and continued his anti-fascist speeches. The American left wing cheered him. Left-wingers brought him law cases. He became a crusader for civil rights. He plunged into peace movements, and went to Paris, London, Prague, Stockholm, Mexico City, and other places to speak at conferences.

Last spring he became a registered lobbyist for the Yugoslav government, which is Communist but anti-Moscow.

That didn't endear him to the Stalinists of the world.

But even before this, he was speaking his mind with increasing frankness at the "peace" meetings.

Finally, he has let 'em have it between the eyes.

State Legislator Refuses Judgeship

Austin, Tex., Nov. 21—(AP)—State Representative A. J. Vale today made official his refusal of the 75th District judgeship to which he was elected by write-in in the general election.

Vale, also re-elected state representative in the same election, wired the governor, attorney general and the secretary of State.

"The returns that have been reported to me indicate that I have been elected to the respective office of district judge, 79th Judicial District and that of State representative, 74th District, and I hereby decline the election to the office of district judge, 70th Judicial District.

"Please do not issue a certificate for my election to the office of district judge, 79th District, because I have refused to accept it. Letter of confirmation follows."

The three state officials to whom the wires were addressed meet here Wednesday to tabulate officially the county returns in the election.

From Where I Sit . . .

Argosy's 'Rio Grande' Same Stagnant Water

By Herman C. Gollob

If it weren't for the fact that dear old Mom imbued us from early age with manners befitting a gentleman and scholar, we would have some pretty nasty things to say about Republic's "Rio Grande," which is coursing through Thursday at the Campus.

But this saga extolling the U. S. Cavalry for its facility in exterminating our red brothers happens to stem from a lot of work on the part of our future trio of guests—director John Ford, stars John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara—and mater's stern teachings forbade us to speak disparagingly about "company."

So we must close our eyes to the glaring fact that Mr. Ford is wallowing in an obvious rut, which seems to be the result of his maudlin affection for the former glories of the horse troops.

Three Westerns, Two About Cavalry

Since the beginning of his association with Merian Cooper in Argosy Pictures, Ford has co-produced and directed three westerns, two of which venerated the jocks.

This repetition of subject matter might be overlooked had the films varied any in theme, content, and cast. However, Ford has let the same water flow under the bridge until it has stagnated to a point beyond olfactory endurance.

It is becoming tiresome to see a doughty company of cavalymen, lone across the scenic western countryside to provide director Ford an opportunity for some arty camera work, while the Sons of

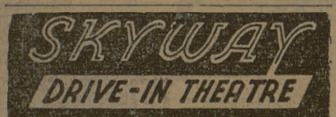
the Pioneers sing appropriately to stirring music in the background.

It is becoming disgusting to see the same actorsavoring gleefully in the same roles. One can rest assured that the status quo never changes in a Ford western. Tough, weatherbeaten, gargantuan Irish Master Sergeant Victor McLaglen always has an amiable bellow for his wards; easy-going, buccic Ben Johnson always drawls placidly and shoots straight; and Head Shogun John Wayne always hides a kind heart under the tough, unbending demeanor he believes essential to a good soldier, while he makes it tough on awkward, but eager recruit.

Characters Are Not Consistent

Again, we might forgive Ford for maintaining the same characters if he was consistent about it. Although he gives them the same names and personalities, Ford changes important facts about their lives which results in confusion. In "She Wore A Yellow Ribbon," for example, Wayne had no wife, and Johnson was a corporal. In "Rio Grande," Wayne is married and has a kid, and Johnson is a rookie seeking haven in the army from a manslaughter charge. Their names remain the same in both films.

We must keep our mouth shut about this, and temporarily adopt a benevolent attitude toward the Argosy abortions. Who knows? If we're nice enough, Ford might add our favorite screen moppet, Margaret O'Brien, to the list of visiting dignitaries.



Robert Ryan "THE SECRET FURY" Sign the Book \$



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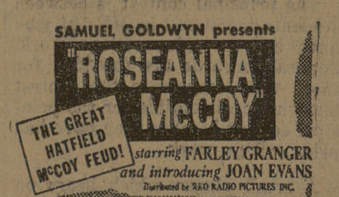
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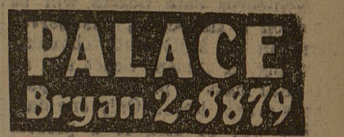


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Commission Passes On Water Injection

Austin, Tex., Nov. 20—(AP)—The Railroad Commission yesterday issued the Lion Oil Company a permit to carry on a six-month experimental water injection program directed at maintaining reservoir pressure of Scurry County's Diamond "M" Canyon lime field.

The commission said evidence at an Oct. 17 public hearing indicated the canyon lime reservoir energy must be supplemented to maintain the field's pressure.

Lion Oil Company was authorized to inject salt water below a subsea depth of 4,484 feet through its Strom No. 18 well.

L'il Abner Love's Old Sweet Sob



By Al Capp