

Letters

Batt Editors Cause Student Dissension

Editor, The Battalion:

For a few years now I have watched with disturbed silence as previous editors followed the paths which they believed providence had chosen for them to lead us for a greater and glorious A&M. Few of these projects came to any good while most of them caused way too much dissension among the troops.

Very seldom did I agree with them; but they received no "Letters to the Editors" because letters are just "good copy" to which the editors can tag their editor's note and cause more dissension.

But never before have any of these notes contained such a sharp note to an Aggie Mother as was made to Mrs. York's letter today.

We accept for what it's worth the opinions of these editors, but there is no reason that even they can't show due respect to an Aggie Mother who is concerned enough to write and let her opinions be known.

Also in this note, the editors were so careless as to say that the War Hymn was of "so little importance" to A&M's history. It is indeed a sad day when student leaders think so little of their school songs that they make such a statement.

As an added note, I am sure that the editors will be sorry to learn that their pet project is not an original one. The subject for having different words to the War Hymn first came to light when Coach Stiteler first came here.

He made the proposal at a Senior meeting of the class of '49. After due discussion the proposal was voted down by an almost unanimous vote.

Harry accepted this vote and no more of it was heard until this season.

Here's hoping the editors brush up on their manners and we hear no more about changing the War Hymn.

Bob Shepherd '49

Batt Editors Are Wasting Time Here

Editor, The Battalion:

We believe that you are wasting your time and talents here. They could be put to much better use at Texas U. You attend A&M, but we don't see how you can call yourself an Aggie.

The Star-Spangled Banner's words have been unchanged for over one hundred years. The Aggie War Hymn, with its present words, is dear to the heart of every Aggie.

One can secure a comparable education at any school, but there is only one Texas A&M. What do you want Texas A&M to be? Just another place to get an education?

We also believe that Mrs. York, a lady, and your editor, deserves an apology for your caustic remarks.

Bill Vehon '50
Michael L. Hart '50

Lady Wants 'Yell' Information

Editor, The Battalion:

This isn't a letter to gripe. I only want to ask a question that I've been asking for a couple of years and I get mixed answers.

I'm a loyal Texas Aggie and I always will be. I know all the yells as well as I know my name, but I'm puzzled. At the end of "Ladies" is the "lady" supposed to hump it or remain standing?

I will appreciate an answer very much and until then I will continue to hump it.

Sincerely,
C. B. J.

(Editors Note: Our head yell leader should be able to give you the correct answer to this one. (Our opinion is that "Ladies" is given in honor of ladies present at the yell practice. For that reason, we feel that she should neither participate in the yell, nor "hump" when the boys do. Are we right?)

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-AND LOOK WHAT SHOWS UP



Acheson Favors Congress Inquiry

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

Washington, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Some of Secretary of State Acheson's critics are now being told by the State Department that Acheson fully favors congressional review of all his policies and programs.

That assurance, it was learned today, is being given to members of Congress who criticized the secretary's attack on the proposal by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) to re-examine the European aid program.

That criticism followed Acheson's Friday night speech in which he said that because of the need for the U. S. to follow consistent policy lines in cooperation with friendly foreign nations it does not "make sense" to want to re-examine American programs, as Taft has demanded.

Acheson has been under attack by some Republican senators and from other quarters on the point that he appeared to be opposed to congressional inquiry.

The reply which Acheson's aides are now making—in letters to interested members of Congress and orally to inquiring reporters—is that Acheson did not mean that at all. Acheson himself has an opportunity to clarify his position at a news conference today.

In his speech Acheson said he had read that the "isolationist" in this country is dead. Taft had told reporters, a few days before, that there are no isolationists anymore.

Acheson also said he had noted the emergence on the American scene of the "re-examination"—an obvious reference to Taft's call for a re-examination of policy. Acheson asked what that meant.

In one paragraph of his speech he said that if it meant "to go before the Congress and explain every single item of every policy and every program and justify every dollar for which we ask the Congress" then there is nothing new about it.

"We all belong to that school and we all re-examine our progress," Acheson said.

From that point Acheson went on for many paragraphs to picture "something different" which he said re-examination might mean—that is, a probing into basic policy with the question, "I want to look at this all over again to see whether we should have started on it?"

"Is that the role that a leader in these troublesome times, these dangerous times, wishes to take in the world today?" Acheson asked. "I think your answer is that it is not."

Taft Not Named
Acheson never mentioned Taft by name, but he suggested that a "re-examination" is the same as an "isolationist" and wants to uproot present policies by the process of re-examination. Taft had no comment.

Acheson's deliberate attack on the Ohioan apparently started a fight which he intends to carry on into the new Congress next year.

Aides said today that there is no intention on Acheson's part of backing down from his opposition to the kind of re-examination which he believes Taft wants.

At the same time, they said, they think it essential that Acheson's support for what he considers the normal process of congressional review should be emphasized to critics of his Taft speech on the ground that a misunderstanding of his position can cause unnecessary trouble.

Little Prudence
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From the City Desk . . .

Christmas Card List Planned for Nov. 30

By Joel Austin

The Nov. 30 edition of The Battalion will be printed primarily for College Station residents, since students will be dismissed for Thanksgiving holidays.

To help fill this edition of the paper with items of interest to local people, plans have been made to print a list of people and their addresses who have moved away from College Station recently.

The idea is to help local people obtain addresses of people to whom they would like to send Christmas Cards.

The list will require aid from all College Station people, for through our city readers we hope to gather the names and addresses. The outcome of this undertaking is up to our readers who are interested in the success of such a project.

We believe this might be made an annual affair if the response is great enough. The length of the list is dependent entirely on the number of addresses submitted to us by the deadline.

Inserted in all papers delivered to College Station residents yesterday was a letter explaining this brainstorm. Here is all that we ask regarding your participation in the project.

Jot down on a piece of paper the names and addresses of people you know who have moved away from this area in the last year or so. If you know of only one, it is just as important to us as a dozen from someone else.

Mail your list to us in care of The Battalion, Campus. If dropped in the campus mail slot in the Academic Building, no postage will be required. Deadline for submitting the addresses has been set at 5 p. m. Tuesday, Nov. 28.

This list may be helpful to you and many other people, but its usefulness depends solely on the number of readers we hear from.

Big Plans for March of Dimes

County March of Dimes Chairman H. T. Blackhurst was in Houston last week attending a "kick-off" meeting concerning the March of Dimes campaign which is scheduled for the first of January.

As its first project of community interest, the newly organized Lions Club appears to be making big plans for the drive.

Committee chairmen for the various departments of the March of Dimes campaign are as follows: general county chairman, H. T. Blackhurst; publicity director, R. F. Cain; advanced special gifts committee, O. D. Butler; schools and colleges, R. B. Halpin; and March of Dimes cards, A. A. Price.

Other committee chairmen appointed were W. E. Paulson, special and sports events committee; A. H. Krezdorn, radio and motion picture committee; and women's committee, Lawrence Brown.

Chest Drive Outcome Still Unknown

We are still awaiting the outcome of the College Station Community Chest campaign which appears to have fallen below the \$11,000 mark which was set as the 1950 goal.

Chest chairman, Dr. S. G. Johnston said early this week he has no report on the amount of money collected in the campaign which was extended three days in an effort to meet the lagging goal.

Dr. Johnston said the campaign secretary, Johnny Longly has been out of town and will not be back until tomorrow. Until he returns, we will have to wait to see what the outcome of the drive is.

The drive closed after a three day extension last Saturday.

Senate Attacks Federal 'Give Away'

By ROGER D. GREENE

Washington, Nov. 22.—(AP)—A Senate watchdog committee today accused federal agencies of failure to match performance to their "paper-preparedness" against the threat of World War III. Military "surplus" disposal and the government rubber program were the main targets.

The committee, headed by Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), specifically criticized the sale of multi-million-dollar defense plants for a fraction of their original cost—even after the outbreak of the Korean war.

Noting the disposal of such so-called "surplus" properties as aviation gasoline and alcohol plants—the latter needed for the production of synthetic rubber—the committee declared sharply:

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A Twentieth Century Fable . . .

ONCE upon a time, back in the "years of fear" of the twentieth century, there lived in the city of Dallas, Texas, a preacher named Dr. W. A. Criswell. Like all heroes of "morality" stories, Dr. Criswell was an idealistic, kind, Christian man. When he read in the Bible that "Thou shall not kill," he believed it. Being a kind, Christian man, he saw no reason to modify the commandment. Universal military training was obviously for the purpose of training to kill or support those who killed. Therefore, he preached against it.

Dr. Criswell also taught and preached, "love thy neighbor." Even if the Russian and Chinese Communists were half a world away, they were neighbors. And UMT was not meant to be training in love of fellow man. So UMT failed on another count.

Then one day, Dr. Criswell got a chance to travel. For three and a half months he visited and observed these Communist fel-

low men all over the world. He saw at first hand the actions of these people. While in Hong Kong, he read an address made by Mao Tao Tung, head of the Communist government in China, in which he said America is "China's greatest enemy—we will destroy America." Time after time, he saw proof that one of the principal aims of the Communists was to destroy America and eventually Christianity. He saw that appeals to kindness brought no answer but more aggression and cruelty from the Reds.

Dr. Criswell was a true Christian. His essential ideals and principles were not changed. He still believed in "love thy neighbor". Unchanged were his dreams of spreading Christianity throughout all the world. But now he also considered ideas such as George Washington's "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

Dr. Criswell began to preach support of Universal Military Training.

They Voted Against Human Life . . .

ANY TIME you begin to feel too optimistic about the increasing intelligence of the people of the United States, the best antidote is a study of the anti-vivisectionist movement in this country. That such overly sentimental, unrealistic people should have enough power to cause special elections will cause you to wonder how we ever came to do without the village witch-doctor.

When you were a kid, did you ever read Albert Terhune's stories of the wonderful dogs which were more intelligent than most human beings and daily performed such functions as rescuing little children from oncoming automobiles? In one of his books he said, "There will be a special place in Hell reserved for the vivisectionists." If this be the case, it is our considered opinion that the very next reserved seats will be for their foes.

In Baltimore and Los Angeles last week, the people were called upon to vote to deny to medical schools the strays in the dog pounds. The anti-vivisectionists got busy with their usual sickening propaganda which

denounced medical researchers as fiends, ghouls, sadists, and murderers. Luckily, most voters did a little thinking and remembered the many medical advances made possible by experiments on dogs. The famed "blue baby" operations were first performed on dogs at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Insulin and penicillin were first tested and retested on animals.

The fact that impressed us most about the elections was not that the anti-vivisectionists were defeated. That was to be expected. After all, the majority of the American people aren't completely stupid. What was astounding was that there were so many people who were so unthinking as to vote to hamper medical progress. Thirty-eight thousand four hundred forty-five people in Baltimore and 261,699 in Los Angeles judged the lives of stray dogs more important than research which might have saved untold numbers of human lives.

Wonder when the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to the Housefly will be organized? There probably will be a waiting list of applicants for membership.

Rayburn Defends Democrats

Electra, Tex., Nov. 22.—(AP)—Rep. Sam Rayburn, Democratic speaker of the House, declared here last night that charges that the Democrats were pushing this nation into bankruptcy and into socialism were false.

"There are always some SOB brothers who always think that although the sun shines this morning it will rain and storm this afternoon," he said. "These storms have not come."

The congressman from Bonham, Tex., spoke at the annual banquet of the Electra Chamber of Com-

merce. As for the bankrupt charges, he said that in 1933 this country had 14 million unemployed, 57,070 banks closed and a national income of 39 billion dollars.

In 1946, he said, we had a national income of 176 billion dollars; in 1947, 200 billion; in 1948, over 220 billion and in 1950, beyond 250 billion.

"Instead of fourteen million unemployed," he said, "we have 62½ million gainfully employed."

"If this is the kind of bankruptcy we have, then you will agree with me that this is better than the kind of economy we had in the early 30's."

As for socialism—people talk about what we have been doing to the people, he said. "I say it has been done for the people."

"We told them there would be no forgotten people in the United States of America, and we have lived up to that 100 per cent."

Rep. Ed Gossett of Wichita Falls introduced Rayburn.

Before the banquet, the folks of Electra gave Rayburn a Palomino horse to use to ride herd on the lame duck session of Congress.

Britain and US Argue Charges Made by China

Lake Success, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Britain and the United States lined up in opposite camps again today on the question of investigating Nationalist China's charges of Russian aggression.

The U.N. Assembly's 60-nation political committee, resuming debate on the issue (10:45 a.m. EST), may decide it before the day is over.

Nationalist China's T. F. Tsiang presented his case yesterday. He charged that the Kremlin not only engineered the Chinese Civil War but now has 45,000 agents in China controlling all political, economic and cultural life.

Tsiang proposed that the U.N. set up a fact-finding commission to look into the situation and report back to the Assembly next Fall. His plan found little support except from the United States, which agreed the problem should be studied by some sort of commission.

Russia demanded that the entire question be thrown out as unfit for discussion. Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik said Nationalist China already is headed for the "historic scrap heap."

The Battalion

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

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