

They Call it Superiority ...

PARDON US while we dig among some embers—dying embers of the fiery Turkey Day classic in Austin.

Fully realizing that we face a definite disadvantage—that of having lost a football game and the opportunity to comment during the days immediately following the game—we want to list ours among the apologies gracing this page today.

Our initial apology should rightfully be for the artistic escapades of a few of our students during the week preceding the game. Their colorful contribution to the TU campus was damaging both to our reputation and to the buildings and sidewalks they painted. They are paying heavily for their actions. We can make no excuse for them other than the fact that they were freshmen. Perhaps they didn't know better.

But we have other apologies, too. One should go to our own student body. It seems that in our pre-game editions we failed to warn them sufficiently about the perils of the Capital city. We had considered a warning based on reported incidents surrounding the TU-SMU game. But we followed the doctrine of believing the defendant innocent until proven otherwise.

The proof we got was otherwise. We grant that some of the unpleasant incidents of the Austin Corps Trip were caused by over-zealous Austin high school students. We also grant that not all TU students participated in or even condoned a few of the pranks.

The fact remains, though, that some Texas lads pulled some pretty dirty dealings over the two-day period. From the reports we would judge the TU rowdies were either awfully fast-moving or very numerous.

We have no official count of the missing senior boots after the week-end. Some, though, were taken. So were several garrison caps and a uniform or two.

Keep your mind on your business when your business is driving.

Death and Taxes: What Does Future Hold?

THOMAS PAINE was the first man to apply the priority question of the chicken and the egg to war and taxes. In his opinion, "wars are raised to maintain taxes" instead of the present day trend. The old trend of foreign affairs in the last five years causes the taxpayer to give more credence to Paine's view.

Vast sums of money and thousands of men have been expended in this period with no apparent net gain worthy of the expense. Some ironical facts that history will record in this period will be based on the "reversals of status" of Japan, China, Germany, Russia, and Yugoslavia. Added to these is the fact that Britain has recognized Red China, yet British troops are fighting with U.N. forces against Chinese Communists.

The big question now is—what does the future hold? All countries outside the iron curtain are alarmed over the increased expense of preparedness for a war that seems almost inevitable. If this happens, everyone concedes that it will be hell on earth, and in all probability there will still be no worthwhile gain. Death and taxes still remain as sure fire "inevitables," but we can still ask—how much?

This proof recalls to mind a recent editorial comment in the Daily Texan concerning how seldom Texas students get in trouble defacing property. It seems that they like to believe, and we quote, "that there is some sort of superiority of our students over those of other Southwest Conference schools."

Our evidence fails to bring out any superiority other than in enrollment.

That brings us to our last apology—this one to the Daily Texan which had a complaint about our "wailing" for proper conduct in Austin on these editorial pages preceding the TU game. We see now that our words would have fallen on more needy ears on the Texan editorial pages.

Those are our apologies. Add to them congratulations to the Texas football team on a fine season. We hold no grudge on that score. All WE lost was a football game.

Careless drivers sometimes get there; careful drivers always do.

They're Different

TWO NEWS stories appearing in the state papers Monday morning served to reemphasize the difference in the Communist and American fighting man. The stories originated half a world apart but they should be printed side by side and circulated through the world as American truth propaganda.

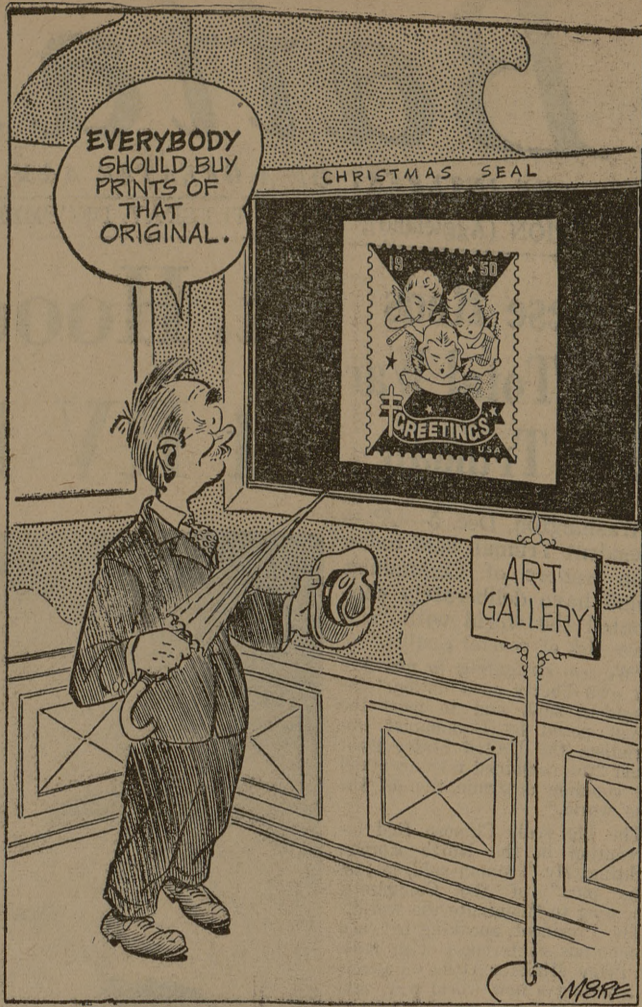
The first story came from the northeastern Korean front. Wounded American soldiers, just rescued from the Changjin Reservoir sector, revealed that Chinese soldiers were being inspired to fight by drugs. "That's why they come after you so recklessly—they keep hopped up on that dope and they don't know what they're doing," said one of the Americans. Every one of the wounded soldiers said they had seen Chinese with individual cans of dope.

The story of the American fighting man came from Hensley Field in Dallas, Texas. A Dallas Air National Guardsman gave his life Sunday rather than crash his flaming jet plane amidst sight-seers in automobiles blocking an approach to the runways.

First Lt. James A. Bradley, flying an F-84 Thunderjet, dived to his death in a pasture a few minutes after he had taken off. An internal explosion set the plane afire on the takeoff. Officers watching said Bradley could have stopped his take-off and escaped. But about 100 automobiles, filled with spectators, were parked at the end of the runways.

So Bradley elected to fly the plane over the cars rather than risk plowing through the wire fence and into them. He radioed the tower he would stay with the ship until he could land it where it would do no harm. He gunned the plane for more altitude. The power failed. Still, with wonderful skill, he kept the craft aloft until he had cleared six houses two miles from the field. Then never getting more than two hundred feet off the ground, Bradley crashed into the pasture with terrific force.

It is very obvious that Bradley did some real thinking before his plane crashed. His act of courageous heroism required cool thinking, bravery, and most of all, a love of his fellow Americans. The Chinese Communists, chewing their dope and making their wild animalistic charges, don't compare.



\$1 1/2 Million Given Research Effort Since Late 1944

Research grants totaling \$1,651,948 have been received by the Texas A&M Research Foundation since its incorporation in November of 1944. Dr. A. A. Jakkula, Foundation director, reported to his board of trustees at its November quarterly meeting here. Grants came from federal agencies and private industry to finance studies undertaken by the Foundation, which uses staff members and facilities of the Texas A&M System as well as its own.

Total income of the Foundation for the past year was \$356,270, he reported, the funds being used to finance 21 separate research projects now under way.

Studies under way at this time include the operation of an A-C network calculator laboratory for the solution of problems in utility operations. The network calculator, originally sponsored by a group of public utility companies, is the only one of its type in the South and is now available for use of companies or individuals who contract for its service. A mass spectrometer laboratory, established by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, is also in operation. A study of the significance of magnesium in the diet of herbivorous animals is being made for Dow Chemical Company.

The largest project in marine biology ever undertaken, a study of the causes of oyster mortality in the Gulf of Mexico, is still in progress, under the sponsorship of a group of major oil companies. Investigations in reverse cycle heating, using the earth temperature to heat and cool buildings, is being made for Texas Electric Service company. The toxicity of sulphur and relation of sulphur to plant and soil conditions are being investigated for Texas Gulf Sulphur Company.

Maintaining and operating a marine laboratory on the Gulf Coast, the foundation is conducting research in chemical oceanography, procuring oceanographic data, marine pipeline problems, and water migration for sponsors including Dow American Employers' Insurance company.

In the field of aeronautics, a study of the unstalled angle of attack margin is being made for the national advisory committee for aeronautics.

Using the facilities of the department of Biochemistry at A&M College, studies are being made of the metabolism of fatty acids and of polyunsaturated fatty acids of the heart and other organs for Dow Chemical company, the office of Naval Research and the American Heart Institute.

Facilities and personnel of the A&M System are being used for research financed through the Foundation, enlarging research possibilities in the System and making possible a much wider field of study for the Foundation. Departments and divisions now involved in such studies include the Departments of Electrical Engineering, Biochemistry and Nutrition, Biology, Geology, Chemistry, Agronomy, Entomology, Oceanography, Physics, and Aeronautical Engineering; divisions of the Engineering Experiment Station and the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Since the Foundation's work was started 33 students of the A&M College have obtained M. S. degrees and 5 have obtained Ph. D. degrees on fellowships granted by

You are more than four times as likely to be killed in an automobile accident between 7 and 8 in the evenings as you are between 7 and 8 in the morning.

Letters

TU Students Wish Aggie Success

To the A&M Student Body:

As far as we are concerned, the two best teams in the nation were playing against each other in Memorial Stadium this past Thursday, and either team would have a heck of a time defeating the other. Now that the "big" game is over we want you to know that we are behind you all the way, and are hoping that you will beat the out of Maryland. (Georgia is the school we play) Gig 'em Aggies—bring home that cup.

Bob Gude, Richard Hatch, Jack Prindible, Buddy Baker Jr., Thomas Oakes, Jimmy Boyles, Bob Trochta, Harry McGee, Robert Theall, Ted Primeaux.

University Student On Sportsmanship

To the A&M Student Body:

On behalf of the good sports at this University I would like to apologize for the few vandals and thieves, who, unfortunately, attend this university also.

As guests of this school it is a shame that you couldn't be welcomed as such. The acts of theft and cowardice, and the jibes directed toward the Aggies reflect on both the faculty and students of this school. I am sorry that a lone cadet couldn't walk the streets of Austin without listening to the vulgar comments tossed at him. I am sorry also that this cadet had to walk about with his cap in his pocket because of the thieves who roamed our campus and streets.

The valuable garrison caps that I saw taken were not taken by souvenir hunters. They were stolen by thieves and cowards because they had a majority of a crowd behind them who condoned this act. Shame. I remain, in the interest of good sportsmanship, sincerely yours,

Jack Young

Increased Darkness Bodes Ill to Drivers

The Texas Safety Association reports that increased hours of darkness mean increased automobile deaths.

Shadows, reflection and glare restrict the distance that an object can be seen by the human eye. Remember your Uniform Traffic Code and dim your lights when approaching within 500 feet of an oncoming car.

Safety is cheap—it costs only a thought!

Taking the Broad World Viewpoint

By CARL VICTOR LITTLE
Houston Press Chief Editor

United Nations, I cheer today, I sing of the Tower of Babel; The Windbags talk dear lives away, They don't know Cain from Abel; Yakity-lak, the statesmen cry, They pound their gums all night; For theirs is not to do or die, Their words set all things right.

Oh, Mr. Chairman, yak, yak, yak, I cite the rigid rules— (The G.I.s fall, stabbed in the back, While statesmen talk like fools.) The by-laws say, the by-laws say, Sure, scan the ifs and buts— While in Korea far away Are strewn our soldiers' guts.

Ahem, ahem, the cons and pros, They argue nicely by the book; A well-turned phrase gets ahs and ohs, (Smile, gents, and in the Graflex look!) Today, dear friends, we're televised, The stupid people see our show; We're neatly dressed and civilized, Aloof—as bloody rivers flow.

'Tis on the shores of Lake Success, (Why not the shores of Gitchee Goomee?) Decorum rules; with great finesse A statesman coos, Oh listen to me: Let's do away with fahrenheit; And put the world on centigrade; Let's pick another factory site And make the Greeks some marmalade!

Oh, don't forget the Hottentots, They need our sympathetic votes, They need some shiny pans and pots— Let's send their women redingotes! But worry not of G. I. Joe, On foreign soil his brains are splattered; Greet, gents, the bloody Kremlin foe, Excuse it, please, it hasn't mattered!

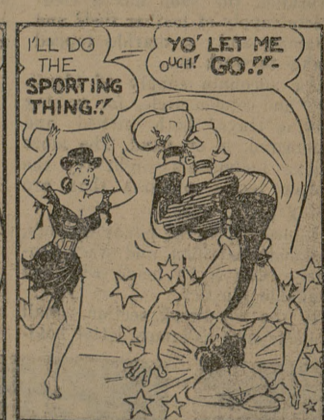
What are a thousand sacred lives, What are a thousand times that number? And what if none this war survives, As long as statesmen gab and slumber? Debate, debate, amid the slaughter! Oh, peace on earth, good will to all; We'll stem the blood that flows like water— Another UN roll we'll call!

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WE KNOW WHICH PIECE WE'LL GET



LFL ABNER Run, Fool, Run



LFL ABNER Laugh, Clown, Laugh!



The Battalion

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