

## It's Time to Stop . . .

**W**HY KEEP telling a man he is going to Korea?

What will it benefit him?  
These questions we ask our Ross Hall military personnel, particularly the instructors.

Since the Chinese Communists attacked United Nations forces five weeks ago, we have heard nothing but "you don't have to worry about a job in June, Uncle Sam is going to get you."

"Well, it's the truth," you say.  
So what?

Every student knows by now that he may have to go into service almost any time. No other group knows or thinks about it more than Cadet Corps seniors, who are trying to plan their post-college life.

They don't have to be told day after day that all their plans may be for naught.

And what about the answers to our first two questions?

Does it help him study better?  
Does it help him sleep sounder at night?  
Does it help him concentrate on class lectures?

It does none of these. And if what various college personnel tells us is true, it is hurting him—badly.

Some boys, we have been told, have plainly given up. They have all but quit studying. Their attitude is "what's the use."

To us, that is serious.  
Perhaps military science profs are saying things day after day, unawares of the effect their words may have.

Indeed, we believe that is so.  
If it is, then The Battalion asks that they give the matter a deal of thought before pressing the "you're going to Korea" issue any further.

## For Our Welfare, 'Let Us Pray' . . .

**"H**OW COULD HE!" moaned many a Democratic politician, crying into his beer last Saturday night.

"How could he!" moaned a American statesmen as they tried to mold this country into a fighting force against world Communism.

The cause of all the groaning was, of course, that great leader of the Fair Deal, and incidentally president of the United States, Mr. Harry S. Truman. By writing a letter last Friday to Paul Hume, critic for the Washington Post, Mr. Truman practically cinched the title of "Champion of the Ill-timed Speech."

Hume turned thumbs down on Margaret Truman's music recital last Tuesday night.

"I have just read your lousy review buried in the back pages. You sound like a frustrated old man who never made a success, an eight-ulcer man on a four-ulcer job, and all four ulcers working," said Truman to Hume.

"I never met you, but if I do you'll need a new nose and plenty of beefsteak and perhaps a supporter below.

"Westbrook Pegler, a guttersnipe, is a gentleman compared to you."

Commented Pegler, master of the acid tongue, "It is a great tragedy that in this awful hour—the people of the United States must accept in lieu of leadership the nasty malice of a president whom Bernard Baruch in a similar incident called a rude, uncouth, ignorant ham. Let us pray."

Mr. Truman used quite vigorous language in this little gem letter. He proved that if provoked he could get rather nasty. He even threatened the use of personal force.

But after five days of discussion with Prime Minister Attlee on a topic of so much more importance, the world situation, and what we intend to do about Korea, Truman wasn't fired up enough to say anything much—just that we will keep on doing what we're doing now.

We agree with Mr. Pegler, "Let us pray."

Some businesses succeed in spite of the methods and manners in vogue.  
Defeatist Philosophy: Doing work ahead of time means that you get more work to do.



## Letters To The Editor

### Breach of Etiquette? Not Us. Look Closer

Editor, The Battalion:

I refer to the picture on page one of the Friday December 8 Battalion in which Alice Bauer is putting the ball while Marlene Bauer looks on.

One item of golf etiquette is that no player cast his (or her) shadow across the path of the ball being putted.

Was your photographer at fault, making us think Marlene is so thoughtless, or was it just too cold that day for anyone to think?

Jerry P. Breen, Jr. '51

(Editor's Note: There was something wrong with our picture of the Bauer sisters, but the breach of etiquette you noted, we had nothing to do with. First, the picture was not posed. Second, our photographers have no powers by which they can make the sun cast shadows in any given direction. So, Marlene must have been at fault.)

(You may have noted, however, that Alice was putting left-handed. She is right-handed. The picture was reversed accidentally in the engraving process.)

### Aggieland Advertising

Editor, The Battalion:

Seniors. Are you ashamed of your woman? Do you walk her along dark alleys so your friends won't see her? NO! Then show her off! Prove to your friends she is a queen. Enter her in Vanity Fair and Senior Favorites, and show how proud of her you are. The deadline for Vanity Fair and Senior Favorites has been extended to Jan. 20 so that gives her plenty of time to get those pictures taken.

All you need are three pictures. One in formal dress full length. One bust shot in informal attire—sweater, suit, blouse, etc. And one full length shot in sports attire—bathing suit, play suit, etc. All of these pictures should be 5x7 glossy prints. There is a slight fee of \$1.50 for every entry in Vanity Fair and Senior Favorites. This is a small sum compared to the happiness you will give the little woman.

Win fame, fortune, and a two page spread in the Aggiefield for your best gal. Have her presented at the Military Ball, the biggest ball of them all. Enter your woman now in the Vanity Fair. Remember the absolute dead line is Jan. 20.

Jim Modlin  
Associate Editor  
Aggiefield 1951

(Editor's Note: Be it known that the Aggiefield 1951 shall be limited to just one such free advertisement, via the Letters to the Editor column, per semester.)

### Lost Letter Denounces Battalion Editors

(Editor's Note: We have to apologize again today. We found another letter last night that is almost three weeks old. We found it in our desk drawer among other ancient items while hunting for something else. Apparently, someone had put it there some time ago for our attention, not knowing that we didn't take time out every day to read our old fan mail.)

Editor, The Battalion:

About 19 years ago I learned how to read. During this interval and during the six years, off and on, that I have been on this campus, I have read countless articles in magazines, in newspapers, in books, in all kinds of publications, and in The Battalion.

Although many, many times I have thought of writing to the authors of some of these articles, either to express my complete agreement or my violent dissent, I have felt that my efforts would not be rewarded in a manner that would justify the time that I have taken to make my sentiments known.

I am informing you of this fact so that you may explicitly bear in mind the greatness of the motivating force, which, at long last, furnished the necessary stimulus to prompt me to waste my valuable time and write to you. That force, Gentlemen, was your "editor's

## Flip of the Wrist . . .

# Jet Fighters Get Into Act With Push Button Flying

Washington—(AP)—Push button flying has caught up with the jet era of aerial warfare.

A new automatic pilot, already in production, will take the "swosh" planes smoothly through good or bad weather, guide them safely through "soup" to the runway, and may even fire their guns aimed by radar.

The Air Force Air Materiel Command (AMC) said in a statement the new F-5 autopilot "is the first mechanism developed which can meet the high speed and maneuverability required to fly today's jet fighters."

The device was developed by Lear, Inc., Grand Rapids, Mich., in coordination with the AMC, which has headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio. The autopilot has won the Robert J. Collier trophy, rated aviation's top honor, for William P. Lear, chairman and research director for the company. The award will be presented next Saturday.

Automatic pilots are customary in bombers and transport planes, but not in fighters. Problems of size and weight, combined with high sensitivity of control and relatively short endurance of fighters, has delayed autopilot application to single-engine planes. The Lear device meets all the requirements, however, and has been built in a small model used even in personal aircraft.

AMC said the F-5 "brain" is a system of gyroscopes and electrical circuits which automatically compensate for over-controlling due to the high speed of the plane; major elements have been reduced in number, made simpler and smaller, and adjustment in flight has been eliminated. It added the control can be installed in almost any airplane.

Once off the ground, the pilot can point his plane toward his goal and relax—straight and level flight will be maintained no matter how rough the weather, the AMC said.

To turn right or left, climb or descend, the pilot needs only two tiny controls. By moving the two together, using only one hand, he can perform all simple flying maneuvers, such as "figure 8's." The pilot can override the autopilot with his manual controls at any time.

An accessory known as the automatic approach coupler permits the pilot to link the F-5 with the electronic "blind flying" aid known as the instrument landing system (ILS) and be guided accurately to a runway he cannot see.

The Air Force avoided mention of the prospects of tying in the F-5 with the Sperry A-1C radar gunsight, but it is no secret that such a step is in prospect.

The A-1C solves all the fire control problems for the jet fighter pilot. He needs only to keep a circle of light appearing on his windshield over a target. The gunsight—it works also with bombs

and rockets—tracks the target automatically, figures the angles of deflection and prediction and fires when the target is at the proper range.

By coupling the radar sight and the autopilot, the human pilot will need only to flick a switch to make an attack.

Development of the F-5 began in 1945 when Air Force officials sought a means of relieving pilots during the strain of high speed flight and providing highly dependable guidance for flights through turbulence and low visibility. The device was proved satisfactory last year and has gone into production in recent months.

It will be used primarily in all-weather fighters used for night and bad weather operations. Such planes carry a two-man crew, one being assigned to radar and navigation.

Lear is one of aviation's most colorful personalities. He was born at Hannibal, Mo., June 26, 1902 showed an interest in electricity at the age of 5 and set up a telegraph line to a friend's home when he was 10.

Lear has continued his interest in radio since childhood and has invented numerous devices used in aircraft. Having left home when he was 14, his only formal schooling was two years in high school—one at Chicago and one at Tulsa, Okla.

He learned to fly in Quincy, Ill. Since then he has had businesses in Chicago, New York, Piqua, Ohio, and Grand Rapids. Lear, Inc., has a research center at Los Angeles as well as at Grand Rapids.

### What's Cookin'

A&M FILM SOCIETY, Monday, 7:30 p. m., YMCA Chapel.

BELL COUNTY CLUB: Monday, 7:30 p. m., Room 123, Academic Building. Christmas dance will be discussed.

CAMPUS STUDY CLUB: Tuesday, 3 p. m., YMCA. Arthur Stewart, Department of Business Administration, to speak. Scholarship loan fund to be discussed.

COLLEGIATE 4-H CLUB: Monday, Room 2-A MSC, 7-15 p. m. Bruce Gibson to make talk on his recent trip to Chicago.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION WIVES CLUB: Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. South Sororium YMCA. Christmas gifts to be exchanged.

RURAL SOCIOLOGY CLUB: Tuesday, 7 p. m. Room 208, Agriculture Building. Program: Report on White House Conference.

TAU BETA PI: Wednesday, 5 p. m. Initiation in Chem Lecture room. Banquet 7:15 p. m., Sbsia Hall.

## Hume May Sell Truman Letter to Aid Charity

Washington, Dec. 11—(AP)—If music critic Paul Hume sells the letter in which President Truman threatened to beat him up for writing a "lousy" review of Margaret Truman's singing, the proceeds may be turned over to charity.

Hume dislosed in reply to a reporter's inquiries today that he has received a number of offers for the letter.

At Mount Holly, N.C., Henry H. Ryan, a cotton broker, said he had phoned Hume last night suggesting that the note be sold for charity. Ryan said he believed that it would bring a bigger price if it were sold for some such charity as the Damon Runyan Cancer Fund or the Gold Star Mothers of the Korean War instead of privately—if Hume decided to sell.

Hume said he and his wife had already thought that they would give the proceeds to charity if they sold the letter.

Hume had not yet received a "substantial" offer which Jake Zeitlin, a Los Angeles dealer in rare books and manuscripts, announced he had telegraphed. The critic presumed that it probably is waiting for him at the office of the Washington Post. He had a couple of concerts to attend and didn't plan to go into the office during the day.

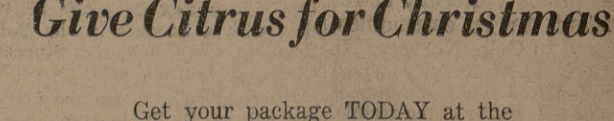
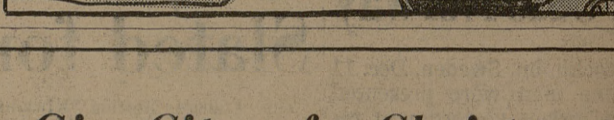
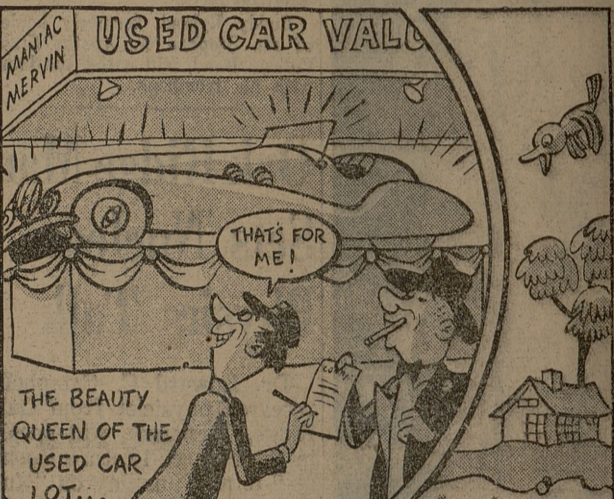
Hume said he hasn't made up his mind whether he will sell the letter.

The letter, signed "H.S.T.," followed Hume's review of Miss Truman's concert here Tuesday. Hume wrote that she sang flat.

Hume was accused of being "autocratic" in a letter addressed to him bearing the name of Irl Allison of Austin, Texas, president of the National Guild of Piano Teachers. A copy also was made public.

"President Truman yielded to his parental instinct," this letter said, "but the public too resents such attacks upon defenseless people who propose to entertain. Yours is but an example of the tendency nationwide for critics to pan the artists. It is an autocratic status that the unsympathetic music critic has reached much out of proportion to his importance."

## Maim Street by Ralph Stein



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Get your package TODAY at the Free Horticulture Show in the Banquet Room of Sbsia Hall or call the Horticulture Department, 4-7614.

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