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NG Division CO On Campus For Routine Check

Major Gen. H. Miller Ainsworth and members of a 36th National Guard inspection team talked with NG Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins here yesterday, denied that their tour was connected with the possibility that the 36th Division now at half strength, would be called to active duty.

The tour is just a "routine" statewide command inspection, they said.

The inspection team of Captain Audie Murphy, honor guest at A&M's 1948 Military Ball, and W/O J. M. McGee was accompanied by Col. R. M. Ise, commander of the 143 Infantry NG Regiment, of which Wilkin's units are a part.

The group stopped here while enroute from Mexia to Huntsville where they last night inspected Company F of the 143 Regiment.

Presented Flag

General Ainsworth, who visited the campus last May when he presented the 36th Division flag to the outstanding infantry company, and a saber to the outstanding infantry cadet, was amazed with the advancement in construction and completing the MSC since that time.

"The best designed most modern, best arranged, and most suitable . . . that I have ever seen," the General commented as he glanced around the interior of the building.

When asked his opinion on the Korean situation, the General said that the evacuation of our armies was not voluntary. Were it possible, we should remain in Korea to prevent using the more expensive action of having to resecure the beachhead, the General opined.

"What should we do? In the face of present conditions, the only logical thing would be to get our armies to maximum strength, fully trained, fully equipped, and prepared for whatever might occur," General Ainsworth suggested.

Capt. Audie Murphy, most decorated soldier in World War II, said this was his first visit to the campus since March, 1948. There have been great improvements since that time, he commented.

He gave up a movie career which, he said, had its off moments, to volunteer in the 36th Division so he could be with a Texas outfit in event of another war. Captain Murphy is temporarily assigned as senior aide to General Ainsworth.

Be Prepared

"We need to get fully armed and prepared to the fullest extent just in case, and if the men are not needed, they can be sent home," he answered to a question on our army's manpower needs.

On Colonel Ise's regimental staff from this immediate area is Lt. Barney Welch, regimental athletic and recreation officer, Welch is intramural director for the college.

Local men on Colonel Wilkin's, a veteran's advisor here, battalion staff are Major W. C. Brezale, executive officer; Capt. Doil S. Hammons, supply officer; Capt. Donald Foster, adjutant; and Lt. Ben Thompson, assistant operations officer.

Truman Gets Party Leaders OK on Military

Washington, Dec. 14 — (AP)—President Truman got agreement of congressional leaders of both parties to "a very rapid increase" in U. S. military strength yesterday and indicated he plans a sharp step-up in home front effort to support it.

Mr. Truman's proposal to meet the world crisis were outlined to the leaders at a conference with the President, Secretary of State Acheson and Secretary of Defense Marshall.

The White House said afterward there appeared to be unanimous agreement among the conferees that "our military strength should be built up with the utmost speed."

Confirming this for Republicans who attended, Senator Taft of Ohio said they also agreed fully that "a dangerous emergency exists."

The White House statement said there appeared to be strong sentiment for declaring a national emergency, a step which many conferees expect Mr. Truman to announce in a world-wide broadcast at 9:30 p. m. (CST) Friday night.

But it acknowledged that some present withheld judgment on this idea pending further study as to the legal effects of such a proclamation.

Taft said this on behalf of the Senate and House Republican leaders:

"As to the proposed declaration of a national emergency, we did not feel we were sufficiently advised as to the legal effect of such a declaration, or the program that must accompany it, to take a final position on that question."

Dean Bertrand Named Director Junction Camp

Dr. John R. Bertrand, dean of the Basic Division, has been appointed director of the A&M Summer Adjunct at Junction for next summer, president M. T. Harrington announced today.

The Adjunct, which has been created to help prepare high school graduates become better prepared for college work, will open for the first time this June.

Dean Bertrand said this morning the only staff member he has appointed at this time is Luke Harrison who will serve as recreational director. Harrison, an instructor in the Physical Education Department, also served as dean of men at the Annex two years ago.

Bertrand and Harrison will leave tomorrow for the Junction camp where they will inspect the near-completed facilities and make plans for the camp's opening.

The camp has been used for several years previous as a summer camp for Geology students, and will have the added feature for prospective freshmen students this year.

Cottonseed Group Gives \$1600 Grant

A grant-in-aid of \$1,600 was received by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station from the National Cottonseed Products Association, Inc., of Dallas, Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the Station, said yesterday.

The fund is for the development of non-shattering strains of sesame that can be successfully grown and harvested mechanically in Texas, Lewis continued.

Confirmation Will Be Administered

The rite of Holy Confirmation will be administered in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Bryan by the Rt. Rev. Clinton Simon Quin, D.D., Bishop of Texas on Friday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The class will be presented by the Rev. Vern Swartsfager, Rector. Mrs. George A. Long, music directress, will sing a special soprano offertory solo accompanied by Mrs. Charles D. Moore.

Mrs. Leon Trencman Sr., president of the Associated Women of St. Andrew, will preside at the refreshments and reception to be given in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Quin and the members of the confirmation class, immediately following the service.

Miss Holland Finalist In Maid Contest

Miss Jeannine Holland, last year's Aggie Sweetheart, is one of the five Texas beauties entering the 1951 Maid of Cotton contest finals.

Jeannine and the other four Texas beauties will have 16 other opponents.

Winner will be the cotton industry's goodwill and fashion ambassador. She will be given a cotton wardrobe and will tour more than 30 US cities as well as eight foreign countries.

Other Texans are Angie and Ellege Branch, sisters from Houston; Mary Beth Nicols, from El Paso; Ruth Brunson from Lubbock.

QB Club Meets

Films of the Presidential Cup Bowl Game will be shown at a meeting of the Quarterback Club at 7:30 tonight.

About The Commentator . . .

ROBERT "TEX" McDANIEL
Editor, The Engineer

I still haven't been able to figure out why I'm having to review The Commentator, magazine of the School of Arts and Science, but occasionally an engineer must be called on to arrest the critical shortage of capable staff writers on The Battalion.

But to the subject on hand.

The very name Commentator suggests a person who writes a remark or criticism. Considering the magazine as a whole to be that person let us read its own remarks and criticisms, about itself.

If we listen carefully we can hear The Commentator complaining about the cover, fiddled as an old society matron, the magazine likes to appear well dressed in public, but . . .

"Oh honest to goodness, these Arts and Science guys couldn't line up a photograph to be straight even if they used a transit. (Probably they don't

Bunch of Beautifiers



Bob Sturdivant, (right) chairman of the campus beautification committee, strokes a lone, but green blade of grass while members of his committee look on with satisfied smiles on their faces. From the left around are Milton Patterson, Brad McAllister, Kenneth Rickenbrode, and Bill Smith.

Part of the overall beautification plan included building and placing campus signs like the one here. The beautification campaign is being carried out in cooperation with the College Grounds Department grass reseeding program. (Photo by Molinary)

Recording 133215 . . .

Hollywood-Like Setting Means Hard Work for Band

By SID ABERNATHY

"Quiet please!" The authoritative command blared out over the loud speaker and a complete silence fell over the array of musicians on the Guion Hall stage.

"Side 1A-EO-QB-13321-Take 3—" "The Aggie War Hymn," the loud speaker continued. The musicians readied themselves. The director raised his hands but kept one eye to the right of the stage. After a short pause, a small red light flashed on and the director and musicians made their move—"The Aggie War Hymn" was being recorded.

Edward J. Goodman and Jimmie Stewart, producer and recording engineer respectively for the Recorded Publications Company of Camden, N. J., had their interesting, if slightly confusing, equipment set up in the dressing room of the stage.

While the musicians were going through their paces, these two men sat humped over their instruments turning little black dials with one hand and following the music on a dummy sheet with the other.

It was not hard to tell when something went wrong. If the recording had just started, they naturally yelled, cut. If it was well underway, they would let it continue, but you could see both men wince when the bass drum came through a little fuzzy or a cymbal cracked the slightest bit.

After each 'take,' the recording was played back over the loud speaker to detect any possible flaws. At least four 'takes' of each song were made before they finished. The best two were kept. They will be gone over again and the

settled down to record "The War Hymn." They went through it again, and again, and again. Finally, everyone seemed pleased at the end product—it was a good record.

"Don't leave yet," the producer said. Let's make another just like that one—just in case."

This was the view that a half dozen or so spectators scattered through Guion Hall got yesterday afternoon when A&M's best-known and best loved songs were recorded.

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By GEORGE CHARLTON
Co-Editor, The Commentator

College Station mailboxes will be crammed full this week, the reason being that Student Publications has turned downright prolific.

For it is not often that, in one week, three student magazines roll off the presses. In fact, it's not often that one student magazine rolls off the presses.

Impossible happened this week. Two issues of The Engineer, the November and December issues, and one issue of The Commentator, the November offering, have made their fateful journey through the A&M Press.

We'll take up the November Engineer, and ignore the rest. The Commentator will be covered by the editor of the Engineer. I know, even now as I write this, that somewhere on this campus, in some smoke-filled room, another student is busily "taking care of" The Commentator.

This issue of a magazine, whose main purpose is to supply the latest in engineering news via features, profiles, pictures, and cartoons continues to serve in that capacity and does a few other dastardly things besides.

An injection of humor is what, perhaps, any technical publication needs. This issue, in that respect, is certainly not different. However, for laughs, there are always the jokes. Comment; the years have been kind to them.

And now, seriously.

"An Ode to a Sophomore C. E.," a poem of considerable length mentioning in a humorous light the idiosyncrasies of certain members of the CE Department staff is quite good and cleverly worded. (We hate to admit it.)

Another bit of whimsy and completely enjoyable is "All Architects Have Secretaries."

The main plot concerns the trials and tribulations of an attractive young secretary in a

Some aren't so funny.

A lower East side child wrote: "I pray all the time and I rit you last time and you did not bring us nothing. My dad is in India and I rit him. Mother says the angels took him she think. We did not get no presents last Christmas. Please don't forget this time."

"I am three and mom says my dad is not coming home no more so you can't come to see me. Please come. I want toys and clothes. My daddy is very far in heaven."

Underneath Billy's mother wrote: "My husband was killed in Korea so please help us."

"Don't disappoint my boy."

Red Troops Threaten Hungnam Beachhead

Tokyo, Dec. 14—(AP)—A mass of Chinese Red troops estimated at 10,000 men today threatened the Allied beachhead ringed around Hungnam port, last United Nations toehold in northeast Korea.

A growing Red show of Soviet jet-powered air strength across the peninsula in western Korea raised another threat.

Twenty-four Russian-made MIG-15s tangled with four American F-80 Shooting Stars in the biggest aerial dogfight of the war thus far.

The flashing battle was waged for nearly a half hour over the Sinuiju area on the Korean side of the Red Manchurian border. Pilots reported one hit on a MIG and no damage to their own planes.

Earlier in the day 14 to 16 MIGs—the largest number to appear fighting in a single formation up to then—engaged U.S. jets in a brief clash in the same area. That fight was broken off without damage to the eight American jets involved.

Farther south, the U.N. northwest front was generally quiet.

A security blackout settled over the general picture in the critical Hamhung-Hungnam area of northeast Korea. But a U. S. 10th Corps spokesman there estimated that 10 Chinese divisions were putting pressure on the slender beachhead from three directions.

Two light ground attacks on the perimeter, which embraces Hamhung and its Hungnam port on the sea of Japan coast were reported.

Attack Repulsed

Both attacks were repulsed, Chinese in company strength were captured American uniforms in the first probing attack.

The perimeter is manned by elements of three American and two South Korean divisions plus British and Puerto Rico units. They are from among the 60,000 or more Allied troops drawn to the beachhead from all northeast Korea.

Chinese menacing the perimeter were hammered by carrier-based Marine and Naval fighter-bombers. Also protecting the beachhead were the long-range guns of American warships.

Field officers expected a sharp fight within the near future. Correspondent Swinton reported Chinese forces were seeping down from the north on foot. The heaviest force was moving through the Suchong Valley north of Hamhung.

Move Forward

West of the Hamhung-Koto road other Chinese elements moved toward the beachhead. A third force swung down from the northeastern coastal road, still well to the north of the right flank of the defense perimeter.

It was down the Hamhung-Koto road that the U.S. First Marine and Seventh Infantry Divisions retreated through a series of Red traps from the Changjin Reservoir last week.

Intelligence reports indicated the huge Chinese force menacing the Hamhung beachhead came from three or four army groups from Manchuria.

Chines Go Home, If You Do—Malik

Lake Success, Dec. 14—(AP)—In an unexpected move, Russia's Jacob A. Malik said yesterday the Chinese Communist forces will go home if all "foreign troops" (United Nations Forces) are withdrawn from Korea.

This surprise statement came just before the U. N. political committee beat down Malik's stubborn opposition and approved a plan of 13 countries for seeking a cease fire in Korea.

The vote was 51 to 5 (Soviet bloc) with China abstaining.

Malik's statement to the political committee was the first time any Soviet delegate has even hinted the Communist Chinese would leave Korea. He said several committee members had stated that the Soviet demand for the withdrawal of foreign troops meant only U. N. forces and did not refer to Chinese Communists. He said he wanted it stated that Chinese "volunteers" also would leave Korea.

Foreign Troops?

Asked just what he meant, Malik told a reporter that if the foreign forces (meaning the U. N. troops) are withdrawn, there no longer

will be any need for the volunteers in Korea and they would be allowed to return to China.

There was no immediate reaction from the United States or other Western powers.

Russian opposition to the cease fire proposal made it doubtful a truce could be arranged. Malik's explanation indicated he expected the U. N. forces to withdraw first and this is a condition which Western delegates indicated they could not accept.

Approval Expected

The general assembly is expected to take up this cease-fire idea today, with approval expected. It calls on President Nasser to call the assembly and two persons to be named by Entezam to see if there is a basis on which a cease-fire can be arranged.

The vote was taken after Canada and the Philippines warned the Russians and the Chinese Communists that the free nations would fight together if the Communists start a war to gain their demands.

The resolution approved by the committee was sponsored by Afghanistan, Burma, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen.

No Overnight Solution

Malik sarcastically said it was "naive" to assume that the cease-fire group could settle the problem overnight. He said it was "dangerous" to keep on excluding Communist China from discussions on the Far East problems.

Malik said the "fundamental, overriding objective" is the evacuation from Korea of all foreign troops.

"Without the withdrawal of foreign troops, which is the first condition for the settlement of the Korean question, there can be no such thing as a peaceful settlement," Malik said. "Where foreign troops are present no just settlement of the destiny of any people which finds itself under occupation can even be thought of."

Batt to Compile Christmas List

The Battalion is compiling a list of Christmas holiday activities. All clubs having social functions should bring the notices to The Battalion office in Goodwin Hall by 5 p.m. Sunday.

The notices should have the name of the club, date of party, place, time, and cost. To avoid loss they should be submitted on a full sheet of paper.

Santa's Letters Humorous, But Sometimes Pathetic

New York—(AP)—Give a child a pencil around Christmas time and often he engraves a message on your heart.

Some are funny.

Like "Maureen" in Galway, Ireland, who wrote to Santa Claus care of New City's big general postoffice:

"Santy, don't send us any more babies. The last lad is very cross."

Postal employes each year try to meet the requests that come by the thousands. They buy toys, food and candy with their own money.

A Bronx child suggested: "Please don't bring roller skates as my mommy will have a fit for they make too much noise."

State Senators Discuss Schools Taxes, Phones

The Texas State Senate committee on higher education met on the campus yesterday to draw a draft for a tentative report on higher education.

The Draft will be submitted to the full council in session here today.

The committee has been reviewing staff reports, testimony and suggestions of the advisory committee received at hearings in Austin Monday and Tuesday.

All dealt with the subjects of coordination of higher education, negro education and junior colleges.

Callan Graham, committee chairman, said the draft presented to the council today will be submitted to the advisory committee and the council of college presidents.

The college presidents will return the first draft with suggestions which may be incorporated in a second draft to be presented to the council and it approved to the Legislature.

Today's session of the council, according to Executive Director John D. Mosley, heard staff research reports on intrastate long distance phone rates and discussion of additional material on taxation.

Ag Honor Society Announces Award

An award will be made to an outstanding freshman in the School of Agriculture by the Agricultural Honor Society.

The winner will be selected on the basis of his grades, character, personality, and leadership ability.

Any freshman in the School of Agriculture is eligible for the award to be presented on Mother's Day.

Freshmen who are interested may obtain more information from Dean Shepardson's office.

Agger Heads YMCA Planning Meeting

King Egger presided over the South Texas YMCA and YWCA planning conference held on the A&M campus recently.

Representatives from Sam Houston State Teachers College, Texas University, Prairie View, and TSUN were entertained at a luncheon in Shiba dining hall after which programs and themes of sectional and regional encampments for next spring were discussed.

... About The Engineer