

Isolation Impossible; We Must Make Allies Work...

THE TOO casual reader would probably think at first glance that the two following discussions oppose each other. They do not. Superimposed on each other, they condense to this idea: International isolationism in this modern world is impossible; we must accept our responsibility as a world power and work constantly in the cause of world peace but, on the other hand, we must convince the European countries to work for their own survival.

THEY are singing that song again! American isolationists still have not discovered that America and Americans are not a country and a race unto themselves. The isolationists are again as before previous wars, lulling the people into a fatal stupor with their soothing words that describe a mythical situation of American invincibility.

Will the American people never learn that ignoring an enemy does not eliminate the aggressor as a potential threat to their security?

Americans have always liked to think of themselves as a people and nation capable of living alone without friends or without foes. This is the American ideal so far as politics is concerned. But, how many Americans would assert that at the same time American politics is playing homing pigeon, that merchant ships and other instruments of foreign trade should be brought back to our shores forever?

Few would advocate giving up the vast amount of American trade with foreign countries. Americans must face the fact that to become involved in world affairs as the leading merchant of the world carries with it the responsibility of carrying on political negotiations with other nations. To abandon American influence abroad would be like abandoning the protection of property rights within our own country.

The tempo of modern civilization does not permit any form of extreme isolationism. No country can withdraw from the orbit of internationalism either economically or politically. China tried both and the story of what the Western world, including the United States, did is a matter of record.

Americans who want to maintain the place of their nation among the leaders in world affairs must take the lead in impressing upon the minds of citizens that they must recognize what is; that regardless of distance every nation on this small earth is their neighbor and that survival depends upon a solution of the social and political maladjustments of that plague modern civilization.

To ignore is not to conquer.

The course of this country the past few years has been one that led the nation to a place of world leadership. The course advocated by the isolationists is one that would lead to ultimate destruction. France discovered sorrowfully that the Maginot Line was not sufficient defense; England discovered after 1000 years that the world's greatest navy would not alone maintain that country as the most powerful and most secure. France and England realized, as America must realize, that to survive in this age of swift transportation and destructive weapons a nation must have friends.

To think that America or any other nation could fortify its shores sufficiently to withstand sustained attack by half the earth's population is pure folly. The policy of going abroad to fight saved this nation from bombings and attacks during the last war.

England and France are allies of the United States. To sacrifice that friendship would be a grave mistake for this nation. Those persons who say that England will

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"SAY, Willie, I'm kinda mixed up by some of the newspaper stories I been readin'. You always seemed to dig this foreign jive better'n me, so see if you can straighten me out."

"Sure, Joe. Anything for an old buddy. That's my motto."

"O.K. Take this story about that Frog General De Gaulle. Sunday, he made a speech to us Americans. Lemme read you part of it 'Europe is here, full of men and means, linked to you, Americans, by a thousand and essential ties. Believe me, Europe being what it is, her safety is the condition on which your safety depends.'"

"What's different about that, Joe? That's the kind of poop them foreigners are always saying."

"I know. That's what I want to ask you about." Did or did we not save the Limeys by shipping them all sorts of war material under Lend Lease during the last war?"

"Yeah, we spent billions of bucks on them."

"O.K. Did we or did we not invade Europe and liberate them Frogs from German occupation. You and me oughta know—we crawled through half the mud in Europe."

"Yeah, that's right. Remember that time in France when..."

"Naw, don't get started on old memories. I gotta get this straight. Now, how much money and materials have we sent to them European foreigners since the war ended?"

"Oh hell, how would I know. All I know is everytime you pick up the paper, either the president or some congressman is saying that taxes are going to have to be increased so we can help out Europe some more."

"Man, you're right. They're taking a mighty big chunk of my paycheck now. But read right here—bad as we need rubber, and regardless of the fact that we've lent them all that dough, the English are selling raw rubber to Russia so she can store it in a war stockpile."

"Them British never were one to miss a fast dollar. Even at a time like this."

"Now one more point. That Korea war is supposed to be a United Nations problem, but ain't most of them soldiers American?"

"Well, it seems like that to me."

"Now here's what I been ludding up to all the time—where do them foreigners get the right to always be cussin us out and threatening us that we better get busy and protect them?"

"Uhh... I don't know."

Us either.

not fight with the United States in the event of war are overlooking many years of English tradition. Americans must not take the English too lightly; they are still a great and valiant people.

Leadership, politically and economically, that Americans enjoy and covet was not won by inertia; it was won by their will to win that position. They found it profitable. Americans who say that Europe's business is not America's business are sorely wrong. President Coolidge was so right when he said: "The business of America is business." The world is aware of that fact.

—The Trintonian, Trinity University.

The Battalion

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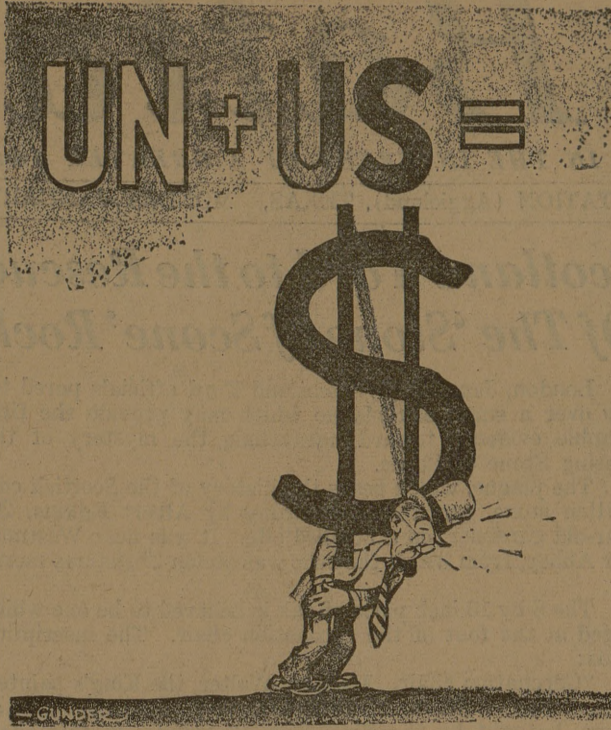
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Attention 1951 Graduates...

Job Hunting Not So Bad If GE Attitude is Typical

Job hunting for February and June graduates now threatened by military service may not be as difficult as campus rumor would have it.

In a letter to Wendell Horsley, director of the college placement office, General Electric Company has indicated positively that they are not now and do not plan in the future to discriminate against the college graduate facing immediate military service.

Horsley, in an accompanying note to The Battalion, had this to say about the General Electric Company statement:

"This letter, to my mind, explains better than any other way I have heard thus far, the attitude of most forward looking employers in relation to the present day situation in which college graduates find themselves."

"During the time that most of our graduating students will be sitting around waiting to go into service, they could be making a start on their future jobs."

The letter from GE reads:

"As we watch the development of the domestic and international situation, particularly in Korea and China, and study and talk to the men about to graduate from the engineering colleges, it is clear that we should give thought to the perplexities that are facing the seniors. In our discussions with an appreciable number of these men during the last few months, we find the military situation coming to the front quite often. It is clear that they are confused and disturbed over their futures."

"We, in General Electric Company, wish, through your good offices, to give assurance to these men on whom we, in industry, must depend to carry on our technical and other activities of the future."

"Some of your seniors are eligible for call either from Selective Service or some Reserve units. They face the last half of their senior year and naturally ask 'Will employers be willing to talk to and employ me

under these circumstances?'"

"We have confidence in our country and our company and wish to assure you and your students that we will gladly see any student who wants to see us. Selections will be made regardless of Selective Service or Reserve status. Offers made to these men will be waiting for them, if they are called before they can report to us. Naturally, men already with us before they are called to service will maintain continuity and assurance of suitable employment on their return providing, of course, that the military situation does not continue for such a long time that an accumulation of commitments does not permit us to meet the last ones made."

Other engineering students eligible for Selective Service or other military call have decided to sign up with one of the services for a commission, usually to be received upon graduation. In doing so, they usually are committed to some definite period of service experience.

"We appreciate the obligation of these men to the service and realize they are not available for employment upon graduation. A goodly number of them will want to seek industrial employment after their tour of duty."

The most convenient time for these men to make their contacts is while employers are visiting their colleges. Therefore, by seeing these representatives now they can present their cases and find out how and whom to contact after service. At the same time, the employer can get a complete picture of the applicant. This will save the individual a great deal of time in getting into his position after completing service.

We have felt that the seniors need such assurance and are suggesting, by this letter, that you pass on to them this encouragement from the General Electric Company.

Letters To The Editor

All letters to the editor must be signed by the writer and free from obscene and libelous references. Letter writers wanting their name withheld must make a personal request to the co-editors. No unsigned letters will be published.

Bunch of Brains

Editor, The Battalion:

My belated congratulations to the Aggie team for a fine season of football. My only regret, naturally, is that Texas U. managed to get by them, but I am especially looking forward to our '51 record! This letter is intended as a "poop sheet" on several A&M graduates, their whereabouts, doings, etc., on the assumption that perhaps some of their former friends and Profs might be interested.

Jack D. Beckelman, Maj. USAF ('48) and Harold C. Teubner, Maj. USAF ('48) have been doing graduate work at M.I.T. in the fields of Aero. and E. E. since Sept. '49, and will take Masters degrees this coming June, while William G. Fort, Capt. USAF ('49) entered M. I. T. this past Sept. in the above

fields, and will take his Masters in 1951 (if the powers-that-be are willing!).

Charlie R. Bond, Col. USAF ('49) is reporting this month to Maxwell AFB, Ala., to attend the next session of the Air War College.

As for myself, I am presently doing graduate work at Harvard in Digital Computation, i. e. with the "electronic brain" or large-scale calculating machinery, working toward an M.S. degree. (I am able to keep up our eternal feud even up here, inasmuch as there is a "tea-sip" graduate taking the same course as I!)

My sincere best wishes for the continued success of a fine school and a wonderful bunch of guys, and a big "Hi, there!" to any and all of my former instructors, Profs, and friends at Aggie! !!

Lewis C. Hughes '50
Capt. USAF

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Dancing Classes To Resume Monday

Dancing classes at the Memorial Student Center will be resumed tonight.

Students who are scheduled for semi-private lessons tonight will meet with Mrs. Howard from 8:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Regular classes will meet at their usual time beginning Tuesday, Miss Betty Bolander, assistant social director, announced.

Bible Verse

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

—Psalm 122: 1

Rayburn's Tenure as Speaker Beats Henry Clay's Record

By TEX EASLEY
AP Special Washington Service

Texas' veteran Congressman Sam Rayburn soon will have served as Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives longer than any other man.

With no opposition to his election as Speaker for the 82nd Congress starting Jan. 3, he was within short distance of the goal set more than a century ago by Henry Clay.

The famous Kentucky statesman in broken periods of service in the House held the speakership for a total of 8 years, 4 months and 11 days, according to research experts in the Congressional Library.

On Jan. 27 Rayburn will have equalled that work.

Began in 1940

He first became Speaker on Sept. 16, 1940, succeeding the late William Bankhead of Alabama. He has been the presiding officer of the House ever since, except during the

Republican controlled 80th Congress, Jan. 3, 1947 to Jan. 3, 1949. While the Congressional Library research experts come up with the 8 year, 4 month and 11 day record for Clay, a layman's check of the newly-published Congressional Biographical Directory covering the years 1774 to 1949 (including Continental Congress rosters) shows the Kentuckian served as speaker only 8 years, 2 months and 1 week. By that count, Rayburn went ahead of the field last Thanksgiving Day.

More Actual Time

As for actual time spent in presiding over the House, there is no question but what Rayburn already is considerably ahead of all. In the days of Clay, Congress usually met and organized late in the year, and remained in session only a few months.

Coinciding almost with Rayburn's service as Speaker, the Congress has remained in almost continuous session through the year.

The periods Clay served as speaker were: Nov. 4, 1811 to Jan. 19, 1814; Dec. 4, 1815 to Oct. 28, 1820; and Dec. 1, 1823 to March 3, 1825. He resigned in 1814 to serve as a commissioner in the negotiation of peace with England, and in 1825 to serve as Secretary of State.

Other Records

During the past three months Rayburn also has exceeded the 8-year records as speaker chalked up by two other men. Joseph G. (Uncle Joe) Cannon of Illinois served as Speaker from 1903 to 1911, and Champ Clark of Missouri from 1911 to 1919.

The Speakership of the House, sometimes hailed as the second most powerful position in the nation, is now the source of a successor to the presidency after the Vice President.

Next in Line

In the brief period between the expiration of one Congress—at noon Jan. 3, and the organization

of the succeeding Congress and election of the Speaker, the President pro-tem of the Senate is the next in line for the presidency after the Vice President.

The current President pro-tem of the Senate is Senator Kenneth D. McKellar (D-Tenn.).

Rayburn was born Jan. 6, 1882 in Roane County, Tenn., but moved with his parents to Fannin County, Tex., in 1887. He served in the Texas State Legislature from 1907 to 1913, and was speaker of the Texas House of Representatives in his last two years there.

Aggie Land Sets Pic Deadlines

Entries for Senior Favorites and Vanity Fair and reservation for club space in the Aggie Land '51 must be in by Jan. 20, Roy Nance, editor of the yearbook, announced yesterday.

Religious organizations, professional societies, hometown clubs, and other campus groups must reserve their Aggie Land space by Jan. 20, and have the group pictures made by Feb. 5.

A full page organizational picture will cost \$55. A half page insertion sells for \$35.

Few entries have been submitted for Senior Favorites and Vanity Fair competition, the Aggie Land editor said.

All pictures should be 5x7 inch glossy prints, \$1.50 will be charged for each individual entered.

One picture is necessary for the Favorites section while three are necessary for the Vanity Fair division. Necessary for the Aggie Land ison, Nance added.

Report of Condition of
College Station State Bank
Of College Station, Texas

at the close of business December 30, 1950, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection.	\$ 269,230.13
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed.	434,946.50
Obligations of State and political subdivisions.	13,800.00
Corporate stocks (including \$1,950.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank).	1,950.00
Loans and discounts (including \$4,119.36 overdrafts).	635,302.05
Bank premises owned \$34,800.00, furniture and fixtures \$12,000.00.	46,800.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises.	1.00
Other assets	1,200.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,403,229.68
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.	\$ 936,473.97
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.	74,000.00
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings).	95,051.30
Deposits of State and political subdivisions.	208,308.68
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.).	6,798.73
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,320,629.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$1,320,629.74
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital*	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Undivided profits	12,599.94
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 82,599.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$1,403,229.68
*This bank's capital consists of: Common stock with total par value of.....\$50,000.00	
MEMORANDA	
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes.	\$ 441,329.50
I, Thomas W. Lee, Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief:	
Thomas W. Lee Correct—Attest: R. B. Butler S. A. Lipscomb Harold Sullivan, Directors	
State of Texas, County of Brazos ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1951, Lois Bethes, (Notary's Seal) Notary Public	

L'IL ABNER What He Don't Know Will Hurt Him—
By Al Capp

Regular classes will meet at their usual time beginning Tuesday, Miss Betty Bolander, assistant social director, announced.