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A Story of Federal Aid to Schools . . .

FORCED, by last Fall's elections, to abandon more radical domestic measures, President Harry S. Truman, in his 1951 State of the Union message to Congress, asked for legislation of only one specific "Fair Deal" promise — federal aid for improvement of elementary and secondary schools.

The immediate effect of such legislation would probably be beneficial to the schools of the poorer states of the union.

But let's examine the long-range effect of the federal aid program coupled with other measures now confronting Congress.

All indications point to the adoption of a permanent peacetime universal military training program.

Supposing that both pieces of legislation are made into the law of the land, imagine what education would amount to in the future. Here's the picture:

Time: Twenty or thirty years in the future.

Conditions: Suppose that some political

party—Democratic, Republican, Prohibitionist, it makes no difference—has enjoyed power as long as the GOP did in the period between the Civil War and World War I, (Twenty or more years.)

Plot: Johnny Citizen, Jr., is called on to decide whether the present political party should establish a dictatorship in the United States. From the age of six to eighteen he attended schools financed and run by the federal government. He was constantly propagandized to the all-righteousness of the Party. The next two to four years he spent either in the army or going to college through the benefits of the military training program. During those years, still under federal control, he was taught the sanctity of the Party.

Result: He knows no course of action but to support the Party—for he knows that the Party can do no wrong. The United States becomes a dictatorship through a peaceful election by the people.

Byrnes Supports China Bombing . . .

FORMER Secretary of State James F. Byrnes delivered his inaugural address to 65,000 people in assuming the Governorship of South Carolina. Included in this crowd were scores of prominent people such as Senators Byrd, (Va.), Johnston, (S. C.), and Chapman, (Ky.); Governors Scott, (N. C.), and Talmadge, (Ga.); outgoing Governor Thurmond; and Gen. Lucius D. Clay who is now assistant director of defense.

The following statement drew wild applause: "If the U. N. is unwilling promptly to declare China an aggressor, authorize our Air Force to attack the supply bases of the enemy, and join in blockading China, then our forces should be withdrawn from Korea."

He conceded that this may bring on World War II, but added "That is the coun-

sel of fear, which I reject." His first hand experience with the Russians was summarized when he said "I know that the Soviet leaders understood only the language of force. A firm stand by a united people may deter them from war. A timid course by a divided people will certainly encourage them to make war."

The reaction to Governor Byrnes speech would indicate that people are becoming less confident in the U. N. approach to world problems through reason and debate. We wonder how much more blood must be shed to convince all men that war is a thing to be avoided. The proposed rearmament drive is big enough to imply that reason will not be able exclusively to handle the problem of aggression in the reasonably near future.

Interpreting the News . . .

Mobilization Will Cost US Drop in Standard of Living

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr.

President Truman's budget message proposing sixty billion dollars for defense is the greatest warning yet handed the Kremlin against pursuit of its expansionist policies.

It is concrete assurance to America's allies.

It serves notice on the American people of the tests to which their support of the idea of collective security is to be put in the coming years.

A few years ago the people were told by another president that a national income of eighty billion a year would provide an economy in which everyone would

be all right. Now we will soon be spending that much for defense alone, unless all signs fail.

No artificial controls or economic measures can prevent a dropping living standard if such expenditures continue long. Raw materials, will be diverted for preparedness. If the international tension continues year after year, as it will, pinches in consumer goods will become gouges.

Europe, an example of what happens to living standards in an area which constantly devotes vast resources to military establishments, is amazed at the calm confidence with which the U.S. can face such a prospect.

No other country could attempt such a program, except with slave labor and complete disregard for living standards.

Almost any other country would prefer to make a deal with the Kremlin, which could be done, at least for a time, by the sacrifice of all principle and the formal division of the world into spheres of influence.

Failure to "stand hitched" during the test could have two results: A retirement into isolation world leadership and its submission to existence—which might itself be very brief—in a world organized against us, or a "preventive" war.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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From the City Desk . . .

Interest Is Needed For Clean-up Drive

. . . By Joel Austin



LAST SUMMER, directors of the College Station Chamber of Commerce and Development Association told us a city-wide clean-up campaign would probably be conducted in College Station this Spring.

The directors informed us of the little support extended to the Development Association in its efforts to conduct a similar clean-up drive last Spring. Whether this failure was a result of poor publicity, poor planning, or nothing to clean up, we don't know, but rather doubt the latter.

It would be interesting to see this group sponsor a clean-up project again this year, and if possible, add a few new features to make the thing more interesting.

Maybe such proposals as requiring all people to enter and leave business establishments through the rear or some entrance other than the front to gain interest would be carrying the matter too far. But an idea of that sort, based on getting results could be worked out.

With all the offers of trucks and free labor to help collect garbage and trash on clean-up campaigns of the past and the future, certainly a bulk of discarded material could be handled if the drive could produce enough interest among local citizens.

It would certainly do no harm for people to think about this subject although the project is still several months hence.

DDT Machine Eliminates Pests, Polio?

We overheard several men discussing the advantages of employing the use of a DDT spraying unit in and around College Station. As members of a local civic organization, they were thinking of proposing the purchase of such a unit by the group as a club project.

Said one man, "Surely if we could buy the thing, the city could afford to pay for the stuff that goes in it." Whether the city budget could afford such an expense and whether the possibilities are favorable for this club dealing with such a project at this time, we don't know.

We have seen this plan in operation and the results were worthwhile. The City Council in one town we know, purchased a "fog" machine and several mornings each week sprayed portions of the city in the early morning hours.

The idea that motivated them to buy the apparatus was principally an effort to cut down on cases of polio. But flies, mosquitoes and other insects were cut to a minimum.

Maybe the idea could be discussed in other local circles. One never knows how much a project of that kind can do, and College Station's large number of polio cases for 1950 could use something toward prevention of this disease—if DDT can do the job.

Dimes Drive Needs Your Support

Mention of the large number of polio cases brings to mind the current March of Dimes campaign. H. T. Blackhurst and his committee from the College Station Lion's Club are doing a lot of work to put Brazos County over the top in contributions to the 1951 fund.

Certainly your determined effort could be used in this timely drive to support research to fight infantile paralysis and to give aid to those who have been stricken with the dread disease.

Send your check today.

'Recruit' Out, Rookie Is 'Private' Again

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Army rookie again will be called a private, instead of a recruit. The Army said today the change will be made Jan. 21 for morale and administrative reasons.

Official Notice

CONFLICT EXAM SCHEDULE
All students who have conflicts in their final examination schedule should refer to the Student Activities Office (located in the Academic Building) for the conflict examination schedule which is posted on the bulletin board in the Academic Building. This schedule will indicate the time that all conflict examinations are to be given. It is the responsibility of each student who has a conflict to check the schedule and take the examination at the time indicated on the schedule. Students who have conflicts not covered by this schedule should report to the Registrar's Office immediately and have an examination scheduled for the conflict.
H. L. Heaton, Registrar.

INSTALLMENT PAYING, SECOND SEMESTER 1950-51

Fees payable to the College Fiscal Department may be paid in installments as follows:

First Semester	Second Semester
1. First installment payable on entrance	January 29-30
Matriculation Fee (required)	\$ 25.00
Medical Service Fee (required)	5.00
Student Activities Fee (required)	10.00
Board	31.70
Room Rent	8.00
Laundry	2.50
Room Key Deposit, refundable	2.50
Total payable to Fiscal Department	\$ 82.25
2. Second installment payable	February 1-20
Board	\$ 36.95
Room Rent	9.35
Laundry	3.00
Total payable to Fiscal Department	\$ 49.30
3. Third installment payable	March 1-20
Board	\$ 35.65
Room Rent	10.30
Laundry	3.30
Total payable to Fiscal Department	\$ 49.25
4. Fourth installment payable	April 1-20
Board	\$ 65.75
Room Rent	14.35
Laundry	4.65
Total payable to Fiscal Department	\$ 75.75
TOTAL SPRING SEMESTER	\$236.55

NOTICE: All second year pre-veterinary students are requested to report at 7 p.m. in room 109 Veterinary Hospital Building on Wednesday, January 17. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss schedules and courses for next semester.
I. B. Boughton, Dean
School of Veterinary Medicine

HAZELWOOD ACT EXEMPTIONS
Resident students of Texas who expect to register for the Spring Semester, and claim an exemption from the matriculation fee under the Hazelwood Act should call by the Registrar's Office immediately to secure notice of exemption. Eligible students should claim these exemptions prior to registration on Monday, January 29 if at all possible.
L. HEATON, Registrar

Skirt Tales . . .

Names for TSCW Mascot Go to Committee Today

By JEAN 'STORMY' CLOUD
Daily Lass-O Friday Editor

are in store for Daedalian readers this year.

She is Mary Jane Barr, freshman radio-speech major.

TSCW, Denton, Jan. 17.—Tessies are certainly a bunch of chickens. Reason is because they had their chance to tomato-splatter a number of profs and didn't. The occasion was the Tessie Players' production, "This Is It," given in the Little Theatre last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and held over by popular demand to Saturday night.

It consisted of two old-fashioned melodramas, complete with hissing villains and swooning heroines, plus a variety show featuring dancing and singing. I wish all of you could have seen it. More fun than there's been around here in quite a while. Featured in leading roles were profs Albert Ford, John Silber, Josh Roach, John Young, Kendall Ware and Wilfred Higgins.

But then, maybe their performances were enjoyed too much for tomatoes, and then again, finals are coming up

Lights are burning in the journalism building tonight. Gathering up mascot campaign entries for the Student Council committee to consider. The staff, that is, not the lights. Deadline was last week. Now the committee will consider them and we will soon know if we are to be known as the TSCW Alley Cats or not. Somehow that name doesn't sound very attractive to me . . . not to seem to influence the committee, you understand.

Lights are also burning in the Daedalian office while we're in the journalism building. That annual is getting well underway. Many changes, and for the better,

Senior Companies Remain in Spring

There will be no change in the status of the Senior Companies during the Spring Semester, Lt. Col. M. P. Bowden, assistant Commandant, said this morning. Men eligible for promotions will be moved into the regular units as openings occur.

Stunt time is almost upon us. It's still quite a while on the calendar, but the scripts are being turned in, and the many preparations beginning. Something to occupy our minds as we placidly await ultimate (as in final or last) exams. I may be prejudiced, but I would say that the Class of '51 will be the victors.

Remember back during the last war when Tessies were joining the WAC and knittin' for Britain? (Some of us have been in school that long.) Anyway, we are being patriotic minded again. Our first enlistee will soon be making her home with the Women's Air Force.

The last batch of senior rings have arrived and have been dispensed from the bookroom.

Seems that you little cadets won't be alone in your uniforms soon, because I see that other schools are adding ROTC. Among the rumored ones are TCU and North Texas State.

With the situation progressing as it is, it would seem that women may be able to grab many jobs come graduation time. And, since I would deign to be among those, perhaps I should end this missile and start that theme that's due tomorrow.

LEGAL HOLIDAY

Friday, January 19, 1951 being a Legal Holiday, in observance of Robert E. Lee's Birthday, the undersigned will observe that date as a Legal Holiday and not be open for business.

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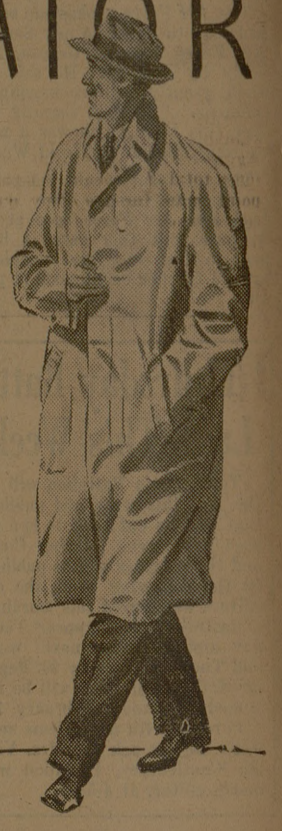
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By Al Capp