

If We Lead...

NEVER underestimate the international power and prestige of the people of the United States.

The first question we asked ourselves when we learned that the United Nations Political Committee had branded Communist China an aggressor in Korea was "What finally got the United Nation to acting instead of merely talking?"

There could be many answers. And probably all of them are partly right.

It might have been the result of the work of Warren Austin, United States Delegate to the United Nations.

It could have been that the European nations were strengthened in their resolutions by the assurance that Eisenhower was organizing an European army.

But the most nearly correct answer would be that the United States finally took its proper place as the leader of the western democracies. The action that proclaimed such leadership came, not from the president, but from Congress, which more nearly represents all the American people.

Some Educational 'Looking Ahead'

IT HAS not been long since General Eisenhower, as president of Columbia University, was obliged to defend the school against criticism for having established an endowed chair of Polish studies. But Columbia's emphasis upon studies having to do with countries behind the Iron Curtain now is beginning to pay off handsomely in terms of value to the nation.

Our relations with the Soviet world, our attempts to understand the Soviet psychology and intentions, have been hampered severely by a lack of knowledge of Russian background and language. Columbia University's Russian Institute has helped to overcome that deficiency, although obviously it can not do so entirely.

The institute has served as an important training center for American specialists on Russia, offering courses requiring familiarity with the Russian language and comprising such studies as international relations, Russian history, economics, law, culture and civilization. More than 100 graduates of the institute now are employed in the service of the United States, where their specialized knowledge of Russia sorely is needed.

Forty-eight are officers on active duty with the Army and Air Force and 16 are foreign service officers. There is, of course, a need for many more, and in case of war with Russia the need would become even more acute. Columbia's output of such students, is not sufficient to meet this demand, but its foresightedness in anticipating the need and moving vigorously to meet it, in the face of criticism from the patrioteers who think that anything Russian should be avoided like a plague, is a service to the country for which its administration is to be highly congratulated.—The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Skirt Tales

Seniors Guard Stunt Replica

Unlike releases now coming from the United Nations pet project in Korea, this story from the nerve center of Denton comes to the Battalion completely uncensored. In some ways, it is like a battlefield release, just before some big action. That's because it was written just preceding the big FINAL push, and we have not heard from our sisters to the North since.

By JOAN (Stormy) CLOUD Daily Lasso Friday Editor

TSCW, Denton, Jan. 24—Delayed—Fate, that saucy minx, has decreed that we shall have a few more days in which to write our memoirs. Wait a minute... why is everybody so worried about finals? ... why do we all gripe as the ill-fated days approach? After all, we've all studied hard all these months and have nothing to worry about. We don't need anymore grade points because of our "A" average last semester... OK, now back down to earth.

As the horrible moment approaches, we find the lights on the campus burning brightly. Even the spotlights on the corners seem to have an added glow because they realize the time is approaching when they will play the supporting role in a drama called "Will Eager Seniors Get Tripped Up On The Last Mile Walk?"

Speaking of exams—Aggies evidently have the same vacation. Friday morning my roommate noticed two Aggie frosh staring sim-

ply as the dignified seniors jumped from the roof of Brackenridge Hall. I'm quite sure they, along with sophs and frosh, are busy plotting schemes with which to dash away with the senior apple along with the Stunt Cup this year. We shall see, ere long, who spends most time on that instead of cramming.

The thing about it is that one must have a "C" average to participate in Stunts at all, so a book or so will have to enter the picture.

Lost and found department: LOST: one "Salute to Tessie-land" program. Zella Maxwell reports that it didn't make it down yet, and would the finder please notify her at WCST?

Also to occupy our minds are Stunt preparations. Along with those come reparations and foul play. In Stoddard Hall, home of the mighty seniors, hangs a huge paper mache apple, replica of the winning Stunt of last year. But it almost doesn't. For several nights ago, some juniors chose to make off with the symbol. Pandemonium busted loose and enraged and half-clothed seniors dashed out to retrieve it. They were successful—that time. But, not being sure of the situation, several loyal ones now rise at daybreak to protect the prize during the hours around dawn

before the rest of the seniors are up and about.

Officials have called a halt to this sort of play until after finals, but come sigh-of-relief time again, and the guards will again be posted. Meanwhile the juniors retaliate with an equally huge apple core which dangles from the roof of Brackenridge Hall.

We'll call a "30" to this again for this week. Until then we hate you because you will be all finished with your quizzes before we will. Goodbye, now.



Air Support Gets Some Perfecting

TACTICAL air support is becoming quite a science, and we are convinced that a good slice of the proposed 100 group Air Force will go in this direction. Korea has provided the planners with reams of suggestions as to planes, armament, and methods. Some of the general facts that have been released are quite interesting.

Propeller driven planes can carry heavier loads, turn faster, hang around longer, and make closer passes with guns and rockets. This is fine in the Korean hills, and with the inability of the enemy to offer opposition. The big question is whether or not they could hold their own with enemy jet opposition.

Jet planes can be deployed rapidly, but time over the target is precious. This has presented quite a control problem. Their fuel consumption at low levels is really fierce, and they have to fire from greater distances to allow room to pull up at the terrific speed at which they fly. This element of speed and surprise, however, has had a definite demoralizing effect on the enemy. The main advantages are the ability to fight enemy jets, and withstand battle damage.

In regard to armament, jelled gasoline seems to be the star of the show. The searing blast of flame destroys and demoralizes. Apparently nothing is immune to the persistent heat. Rockets are running a close second, and of course fragmentation bombs, demolition bombs, and .50 caliber machine guns are also doing their share of destruction.

Tactical support know-how involves getting a well trained pilot on the desired target with utmost speed. Control has been more important than quantity of aircraft. Rapid camouflage techniques, and night movements are two things that still reduce the effectiveness of close support work.

Future requirements and training will undoubtedly emphasize training of pilots for alertness in identification, and accuracy in firing guns and rockets; better and more rapid communications from ground to air; jet powered aircraft with high speed and heavy armament loads; and techniques for location of targets in bad weather or darkness.

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.

Wanta Be a CO? See Batt Columnist

Editor, The Battalion:

In the Thursday, January 18, issue of the Batt, in the column "From the Women's Desk," appeared the following statement: "Dolby, Bill and Melody Darby, who leave a big vacant spot around the C area of College View and a mighty big one in Company C Vets where Bill has been C.O..."

If you'd examine my cranium, you'd find grey infiltrating the black. Part of the grey was put there by the nefarious shenanigans of the wild Irishmen of C Vets. At the time, I was under the impression that I was C.O. of C Vets. Now, it stands to reason that your woman staff writer would know whereof she speaks, and far be it from me to argue with a woman, but don't you think that it is rather unfair for me to sport the grey hair that rightfully belongs to Bill? To the best of my knowledge, Bill was not in the Cadet Corps. Do you think I should refund the munificent sum of money I received from the government, and send it to Bill? He must feel that I've cheated him.

Don't file this letter in your waste basket, or I'll tell everyone

Anti-Communist Measure Goes To Legislature

Austin, Feb. 1—(AP)—A new anti-Communist bill was ready yesterday for introduction in the defense-minded legislature.

By Rep. Bill Daniel of Liberty, it would bar communists or persons with communist leanings from practicing law in Texas. It was endorsed by the State Bar Association.

A communist-control bill by Rep. Marshall Bell of San Antonio may reach the House tomorrow. It has unanimous committee approval. This bill would require communists to register with the state police.

Texas cities asked the legislature to help ease their money pains. Under separate House and Senate bills, most cash now collected by the state from gasoline taxes on city-owned vehicles, buses and taxicabs would be refunded to the cities.

These measures, by Senator Searcy Bracewell and Rep. Charles Murphy of Houston, are backed by the League of Texas Municipalities. Similar bills failed to pass the last session. The cities say they must have financial relief to maintain normal services.

The session's second bill to go to the governor was passed by both Houses. It changes court term dates of the 63rd Judicial District and was introduced by Rep. Dorothy Gurley of Del Rio.

Short meetings of both Houses produced final passage on separate but similar bills to create a new district court in Scurry and Borden counties where the old boom has crowded dockets. Quick adjustment of differences and final passage was expected.

Bible Verse

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.—Luke 9: 23.

SAVE SAVE

Market and Produce section listing various goods and prices. Includes items like Fancy Whole Beans, Baby Green Limas, Garden Peas, Shortening, Chocolate Syrup, Corned Beef, Grape Jelly, Spinach, Pineapple Juice, Grapefruit Juice, Orange Juice, Keyko Oleo, Sliced Bacon, Tender Pen Fed Veal, Chuck Roast, 7-Bone Steak, Rib Chops, Oranges, Apples, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes.

Charlie's Food Market advertisement. Specials for Friday & Saturday - Feb. 2nd & 3rd. North Gate - WE DELIVER - College Station.

Comic strip by Al Capp. Characters include LFL ABNER and the Octopus. Dialogue includes: 'WELL MATCH THE OCTOPUS WITH TH' LIMHOUSE LOUSE. HELL TWIST TH OCTOPUS'S ARM, SO THAT ONE HALF O' TH OCTOPUS WILL STRANGLE TH' OTHER HALF—IN FRONT O' 10,000 WITNESSES!!' and 'INTRODOOCIN' O' NATURE—TH' OCTOPUS!! FOUR ARMS—FOUR LEGS—AN' TWO HEADS—WITH BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT—MURDER!!' and 'AN' HERE—THAT INSPIRIN' EXAMPLE O' CLEAN LIVING AN' BRITISH FLUCK—TH' LIMHOUSE LOUSE!!—LET'S GIVE HIM A SPORTIN' WELCOME, FELLAS!!' and 'BOOOO!! BOOOO!! BRACK!! BOOOO!!'.