

Let's 'Sell' A&M College...

A&M's ENROLLMENT has dropped to 5,916 this semester. We believe, to put it mildly, that a loss in enrollment is bad.

Actually A&M's loss is no greater proportionately than those losses suffered in other schools in Texas.

There is but one explanation which is satisfactory to us. Graduating high school students apparently have not been well enough informed of Texas A&M, its benefits from both the educational and military angles.

We have a great college. Surely it has its faults, its drawbacks, some of which might tend to send a high school senior elsewhere.

Therefore, we may well conclude that it is information that the June high school graduates will need.

Then, who, you may ask, should "plug" A&M? We, the student body—because, it's for our welfare that this be done.

For the undergraduates of the college, it's also a major problem, whether or not

you realize it. Enrollments have a great effect upon the decision of the state legislature when "budget time" rolls around.

So we have an equation: Smaller enrollment equals smaller budget which equals smaller faculties, and then a smaller education.

"Operation High School" is one step in this direction. It's an excellent step, although a relatively small one.

Something a little closer, something more personal will be needed. Visits by some of our student leaders, our musical organizations, our drill teams would help.

The problem then, falls to us. If each student at A&M could convince just one high school senior that A&M will be the best home he can find for the next four years, then we've got the problem licked.

That action would guarantee an enrollment which could fill A&M's dormitories—a condition which might not exist if present trends continue—and could take full advantage of our vast physical plant, parts of which are now becoming vestigial.

Squabbling Won't Produce Ammunition

IF THE TRUTH were known, about 80 per cent of the people probably prefer a wartime economy to an empty pocketbook.

The late George Bernard Shaw believed that wars occurred when the interest on capital dropped below four per cent. We do not predict that war will ever be abolished, but we can conservatively say that the chance is small, until it becomes profitless to everyone concerned.

Even now there is much internal dissension regarding the mobilization program, and this dissension seems to hinge on money, in the final analysis.

Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) has accused the administration of turning over the program to big business at the expense of labor and agriculture.

In addition, Senator Maybank (D-SC) has demanded "top echelon" representation for the farmers in the Economic Stabilization Agency.

A good chance exists that labor representatives will walk out from all war mobilization agencies. This could involve strikes for higher wages, and more pressure on prices.

In any case, the question of right and wrong has apparently changed to "who gets what per cent?" In the meantime the forgotten man continues to crawl through the Korean mud with or without the cooperation of capital, labor, diplomacy, and other high-sounding quantities.

Apparently, however, this inequity is "just one of those things."

Our Butter Is Cheaper in Italy

HEY—YOU backers of planned economy. Last Friday, we ran into this little gem illustrating the advantages to be gained from governmental economic security:

In this country, housewives are buying butter at the price of 95c per pound and up. The government is buying butter in wholesale lots at 65c per pound. They are paying 65c per pound to support the high retail price.

That means economic security and prosperity for the farmer. The government is selling that butter to Italy for about 15c per pound.

Since we believe Fair Deal policies are always sensible, we have tried to find the essential rightness which is bound to reside in this transaction.

Mathematically then, we might say the government is making a profit on the deal. A negative profit of fifty cents per pound.

Mr. Economist, what can you buy with negative profits? The buyer and taxpayer probably see it this way: He is paying 95c per pound for butter that would probably cost 50c without subsidy.

He pays the government 65c to buy butter. Italy pays 15c for one pound of US butter; US taxpayers pays \$1.60 for same butter.

Moral: If you live in Italy, planned economy in the United States is wonderful for your personal economy.

The Battalion

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

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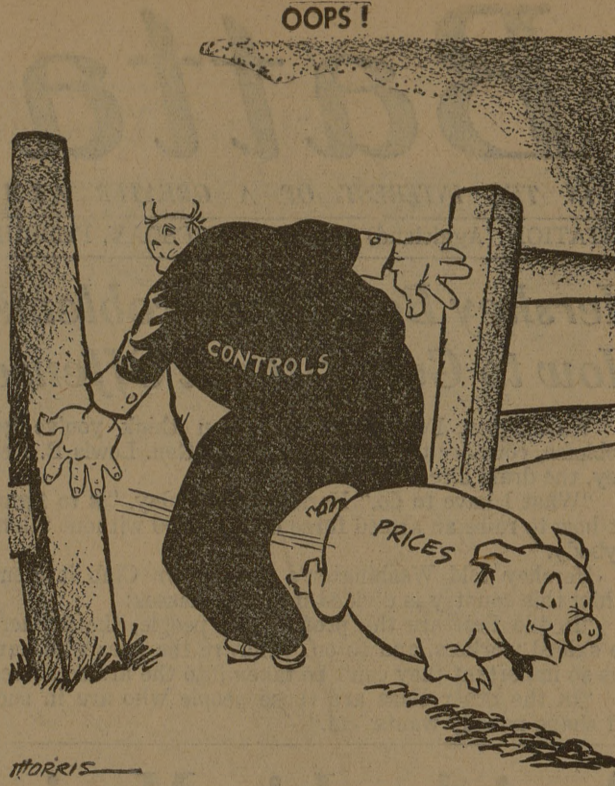
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Gen. Collins Speaking

'We Could Pulverize Russia'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—(AP)—Gen. J. Lawton Collins told Congress yesterday that in the event of war American bombers could "pulverize Russia" in time, but U. S. troops would be needed to prevent swift Soviet conquest of Europe.

Not a Rambling Old Man

Don't Underestimate Stalin!

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst. SECTION BY section, the latest pronouncement by Joe Stalin on world affairs is a very strange document, but it would be wrong and dangerous to appraise it as merely the fulmination of a rambling old man caught in an untenable position.

House Passes Plan To Redistrict State

Austin, Feb. 20—(AP)—The first redistricting plan for the House in 30 years won House approval yesterday.

The vote was 119-23. Representatives dissatisfied with the realignment of their districts fought hard and loud. They cried it's unfair, it stinks and it's based on personalities—not population figures.

The House tugged, pulled and wrangled over 17 amendments through its lunch period until the bill was passed at 2:45 p.m.

Rep. D. B. Hardeman of Denison tried to get further consideration postponed. He raised a point of order saying the bill was not valid because it had been passed out of committee at a secret session late Tuesday.

All Members Told "I told every member of the committee about the meeting," said Rep. Bill Fly, committee chairman. "No one was refused admission." Speaker Reuben Senterfitt overruled the point of order.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Should Freshmen 'Cancel All Plans' to Support Team?

Editor, The Battalion: On Saturday night, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p. m. in DeWare Field House the A&M freshman basketball team played the t. u. freshman basketball team.

approximately 60 freshmen in the gym—one-third of which were the ball players! This is no exaggeration, as we actually counted the freshmen in the stand on our fingers and toes.

All freshmen who read this, tell your fish buddies to read it also. The reason for this last statement is that many freshmen must not read the Batt since the basketball game was announced in last Friday's issue by a three-column headline.

Health Department Slates Job Exams

Open competition examinations for sub-professional positions with the Texas State Dept. of Health have been announced by R. E. Shrader, supervisor of the Merit System Council.

We assume that this is news to all but a few members of the Fish Class, because of the lack of attendance on their part. At the end of the first half there were approximately 60 freshmen in the gym—one-third of which were the ball players!

It was nobody's duty to make the freshmen go; they should have had enough Aggie Spirit to cancel any plans and go to support their classmates.

Examinations will be given, consisting of a written test mainly, for positions of X-Ray Technicians, Junior X-Ray Technician, Dental Assistant, Tuberculosis Field Worker, Visual Education Assistant, and Venereal Disease Treatment Technician.

Laundry's Still Overcharging Him

Editor, The Battalion: I've seen it all now. By this, I mean that I have been a victim of dreaming—stupid dreaming, it seems, let me explain.

Last week, after being charged for excess laundry by our own upstanding laundry, I was informed that the rate was two cents each for excess small pieces.

In spite of the fact that I was staggered by this announcement, I stumbled blindly from the establishment with the idea in mind that I would watch myself and see to it that I wouldn't be guilty of this crime again.

This week, due to circumstances beyond my control, I had three excess small pieces (these being handkerchiefs). Upon calling for said laundry, I was told that I owed 15 cents.

Frankly, I was astounded. Not willing to trust mental arithmetic, I waited until I got back to my room so I could use my slide rule. Upon slipping it out, I discovered that I had been charged five cents each for the excess pieces.

Still not wanting to trust my own judgment, I asked my roommate if five cents was more than two cents. He said it was.

It was then that I realized I was guilty of dreaming. Believe it or not, I had actually believed that there was a set charge of two cents. Now it seems that the laundry will charge whatever the traffic will bear.

Tell me—just HOW do they get away with such practice? W. D. Oradat

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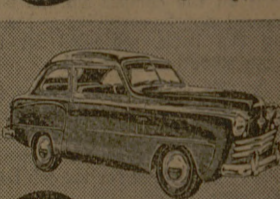
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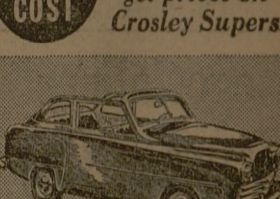
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PIPE SMOKING CONTEST The Battalion Goodwin Hall

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