

You Count Mine, And . . .

DO OUR representatives to the United Nations fully realize the importance of their work measured in American lives?

Sometimes we begin to wonder if they don't think that the United Nations is just a practice court for the sport of political and diplomatic relations.

Last Saturday, one of our representatives made Russia one of the most unsound offers we've yet heard of—we will let the UN count our armed forces and weapons if Russia will do the same.

Frank C. Nash, deputy United States representative on the UN commission for conventional armaments, made that offer as a reply to Russia's note to Britain charging the Western powers had twice as many men under arms as the Soviet Union.

As American soldiers fight Russian inspired Communist Chinese in Korea, we make plans with Russia as if they were our very good friends who were slightly peeved at now.

How could this man with whom we're trusting the lives of so many Americans be so naive as to think that Russia would willingly submit to a fair count of their war power? Or does he think the commanders of our armed forces are fools who would allow our enemy to know our enemy strength? We don't think they'll be handing accurate strength figures to the Kremlin boys any time soon.

Perhaps, and most likely, the offer was made as a propaganda item. Perhaps we're still trying to prove to the rest of the world that ol' Uncle Sam is really a swell guy with no weapons hidden behind his back.

That could backfire as a propaganda weapon—

A nation so simple that it will give its chief political enemy full information as to size and strength of its armed forces, is not likely to win if and when the "big" battle comes!

But Industry is Groaning

Massive Re-armament Is Not All Out Effort

(This is the second of a four-part series surveying the U. S. mobilization scene. The Editor)

By RELMAN MORIN AP Special Correspondent

FOR ALL its size and strength, American industry is groaning and straining today like an overloaded elephant under the massive weight of the new re-armament program.

Actually, that program has limited objectives. Is it not an all-out effort.

The master plan is to create facilities for tremendous production of war-weapons, but not to produce all the weapons themselves unless a war should make them necessary. At this point, the schedule for turning out tanks, guns, transports and so on is relatively low.

Tougher Than 1941

Even so, production engineers generally agree that the task of re-arming is tougher this time than it was in 1941. Some are doubtful about the ability of industry to meet present targets. Others say the situation, poor until recently, is now improving. Still others take the point of view: "You either re-arm, completely, or you don't. This business of trying to carry water on both shoulders won't work."

In some important respects the United States is much better able to meet the challenge of defense today than it was in 1941.

Industry is much bigger, meaning that many more factories have expanded or come into existence, with millions of additional square feet of production facilities. The National Association of Manufacturers estimates that industry, over-all, has grown about 60 per cent in these ten years.

There is more "know how" than in 1941. Many of the same engineers are in the same top positions. The hard experience of World War II, the false starts, trials and failures, is well known to key men in government.

At the same time, thousands of skilled and semi-skilled workers— notable women—are returning to the assembly lines.

But against these assets, here are the main liabilities:

Engineers Needed

Defense plants are crying for engineers. The very growth of industry, since 1941, has out-stripped the flow of trained engineers. The Republic Aviation plant on Long Island, for instance, is looking for 300 of these men. That figure, they say, is fairly typical of aircraft plants everywhere.

New Equipment Needed

The new weapons and equipment are different and more destructive—and much harder to make with existing facilities. The assembly line that turned out Sherman and Pershings needs extensive re-tooling to produce the more agile but heavier modern tank. (Chrysler is building a totally new plant to handle its orders for tanks.) The only similarity between these land battleships and the older models is that they still have hulls and bogey wheels.

Soldier, did you ever drive a truck in the last war? You would hardly recognize the new ones.

At the Dodge plant in Detroit, they are turning out a weapons carrier equipped with a "breather" and so water-proofed that the motor keeps right on purring when the windshield is three feet under water. It has a heater for quick starting at sub-zero temperatures, a gadget that will keep a

flat tire clinging neatly to the rim, and a bolting assembly—all painted yellow—that permits you to tear out the whole motor and install another in 20 minutes. The seats and back-cushions are foam rubber; they won't flatten into sheer cast iron on a rocky road, as the kapok filling did.

Shortages Serious

In the effort to fill defense orders and at the same time go on producing for civilian consumption, some serious shortages have already appeared.

Aluminum is one. High heat-resisting steel is another. Electrical equipment and precision instruments are still others. Rolling stock for transportation of material and semi-finished machines is very short. Freight cars are going out of service at the rate of 5,000 a month—which is faster than they are being made.

As a result, thousands of factories—even those with defense orders—are competing with each other for these facilities. As a rubber executive put it: "a defense order is nothing but a hunting license. You still have to go and find the material."

Some Want to Wait

Some factories are resisting defense orders. Even though materials shortages may have cut them down to low production or none at all, they are retaining their man power and postponing conversion. They argue that, in the last war, the conscientious customers, sent those customers to competitors who waited 18 months or two years—and then got defense contracts at higher rates as well. So hundreds of plants are waiting, watchfully.

In his budget message last Jan. 15 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1951, President Truman estimated U. S. military and related expenditures at nearly \$41,500,000,000 to provide—among other items—for 3,500,000 men in the U. S. armed forces, a buildup of the Air Force to more than 84 groups and the operation of approximately 500 warships.

For World War II, U. S. expenditures for armaments reached an actual peak of \$80,000,000,000 in 1945. The aggregate personnel of the armed forces exceeded 12,000,000, and ship production was over 18,000,000 tons.

For the five-year period from July, 1940, to July, 1945—Midway between VE and VJ Days—the nation's munitions record showed these figures:

Military Planes—297,000 of which 97,000 were bombers.

Ships—76,485 including 64,500 landing craft, 6,500 other Navy ships and 5,425 cargo vessels.

Weapons—17,400,000 rifles, carbines, and sidearms; 315,000 pieces of field artillery and mortars; 165,525 naval guns.

Ammunition—41,400,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition; 4,200,000 tons of artillery shells.

Vehicles—86,338 tanks and 2,434, 553 trucks.

These were the figures announced by the War Production Board in Sept. 1945.

During World War II, Chrysler, one of the great tank-producing firms, employed more than 4,000 sub-contractors to supply various individual parts, assemblies and gadgets.

Republic Aviation, making the rugged thunderjet fighters, already has more than 1,100 producers in its "source files." There are 165,000 parts in a conventional jet, and many of them are made by small plants that specialize.

From the City Desk

Annexation Plans Told(?) By Bryan

... By Joel Austin



WATCH OUT you people living on the North side of College Station—and that includes some of you College Hills residents.

One of these mornings you're going to wake up and find the City of Bryan in your back yard.

The Bryan City Commission plans to add two nearby areas to the corporate limits of their city and both additions would move the city limits of Bryan right up against College Station.

Included in this proposed annexation to the City of Bryan is the former Tauber property, which lies northeast of the North Gate business district and Beverly Estates, the area between College Hills and the City of Bryan.

In many ways it's nice to see this neighboring city blossom out and add more people to its fold, but in a home rule city such as Bryan, this addition of new land proves to be a matter in which those living on the property don't ever know they are being annexed.

If this annexation is approved in a city ordinance, which is necessary to make it official after a public hearing is held on the matter, there would most likely be several "new" citizens of Bryan surprised some day with a bill for city taxes—something they hadn't been accustomed to paying.

Not Trying to Slip In

We can't say that Bryan is slipping in to take the area while its residents are napping, because in their charter as a home rule city they have the right to annex any adjoining areas merely by making the decision and going through the procedure mentioned above.

The College Station City Council has been trying for a long time to add the Tauber property to College Station, but the former owner would not petition annexation which is required under the charter now binding this city.

A few months ago J. C. Culpepper, local real estate developer, purchased this land and is now planning a completely modern residential and business addition on the Tauber plot.

Wanted to Wait on Decision

When Culpepper was asked to petition for annexation to the City of College Station he told local authorities he would wait for a while before making a definite commitment. Now, Bryan has come in and staked out a claim for the planned new addition and as far as we know, nothing can keep them from annexing it.

We have no idea how Culpepper feels about this action taken by the Bryan City Commission, but unless we miss our guess, he would rather have his new addition be a part of College Station.

A quick check of the utility charges for the two cities is enough to indicate to any citizen which town would be the cheapest to live in. If that isn't enough to convince you, inspect the allowances on fire insurance premiums in College Station and match them with the additions to premiums which Bryan residents must pay.

The Only Significant Argument

The only significant arguments that we can think of in support of annexation by Bryan are the advantages of living in a larger city, and possibly the closeness of public schools. However, in most sections it would be a toss-up as to which schools are the nearest, Bryan's or College Station's.

That's the plan in a nutshell. The Bryan City Commission plans to hold the public hearing sometime soon, but we wonder what significance this hearing will bear upon their final decisions if their mind is already made up?

Watch for the announcement of any meeting concerning the annexation of Beverly Estates and the Tauber property to Bryan. Attend that meeting and voice your opinion either for or against their program of annexation.

But, before you voice your opinion, be certain to investigate what may follow if Bryan's annexation program continues in this direction unchecked.

LETTERS

Girl to Represent A&M Wanted

Editor, The Battalion:

We have written to your Student Senate about our plans for our annual "Gaebale" May 10, 11, 12. We have asked them to select a delegate to represent Texas A&M throughout the "Gaebale" celebration.

"Gaebale" started five years at the suggestion of Blue Key, a men's leadership fraternity. It consists of a parade, carnival, Varsity Show, and Ball. "Gaebale" furnishes the opportunity for students to demonstrate their creativeness and originality as well as providing for a good time. It also serves as a Spring Homecoming and a chance to publicize the University throughout the state.

Your delegate will be expected to take part in all activities, and she will have a definite part to play as representative from Texas A&M.

We would like for you to help us in arousing interest in your Student Senate so that we may get prompt action on this matter.

Sam Wood
"Gaebale" Beauty Show
University of Arkansas

Bryan-College Groups Visit Local Congressman

Among visitors in the office last week of Olin E. Teague, congressman from the sixth congressional district and also from College Station, were Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Snead of College Station and Bill Allen and Jim Eagan of Bryan.

Bible Verse

JESUS saith unto him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

—John 21: 23

Coulter To Review Book Saturday

"Morning Journey," a new story with a theatrical background by James Hilton, will be reviewed by Frank Coulter at 8 p. m. Saturday evening, March 10, in the A&M Consolidated High School library under the auspices of the Campus Study Club.

Mrs. Louis J. Horn, assisted by Mrs. E. R. Wesley and Mrs. A. N. McDowell, is chairman for the review, which is scheduled with a square dance and card party the same night. All three events being held in conjunction with Public School Week, are sponsored in an effort to raise funds for the purchase of new books for the Consolidated and Lincoln School libraries.

"I am glad to have a part in this project," said Coulter, who is donating his services. "It is important that children have access to good books through their school libraries so that they may develop a preference for good literature. The child who learns to appreciate good books will naturally become a discriminating reader as an adult," he added.

Tickets for the book review, which may be purchased from Consolidated students, are also good for the other events, Mrs. Horn announced. Anyone wishing to go from the review to the card party or dance may do so, she said.

Honor System Way Of Life, Says Dean

"It is more a way of living than a system," said Dean of the College C. G. French concerning the "honor system" in a discussion with members of the Arts and Sciences Council members last night.

"The honor system as a system is immaterial. The fundamental thing is whether students want it. There are things you must believe and be willing to do, sometime sacrifice, in order for the system to be a success."

The Dean then explained two systems as followed at schools he has previously been associated with in administrative capacities.

Dr. French had been requested to meet with the group at its regular Monday night meeting and discuss with them the problems associated with the principals of, and his experiences concerning honor systems as established at other schools.

Lion's Club Gives Program of Songs

The College Station Lion's Club was entertained today with a song service led by Warren LaBorveau, lion tamer for the organization.

LaBorveau taught members of the club several new songs of Lion's International. The group was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. A. B. Medlen who was named regular pianist for the club yesterday.

During the business session of the luncheon meeting, President Bob Halpin asked for volunteers to try out for the Bryan Lion's Club Minstrel Show which is to be held March 28-29 in the Stephen F. Austin High School auditorium in Bryan.

Lawmakers Hear Plan to Cure War

Austin, March 7.—Texas lawmakers forgot state problems for half an hour yesterday and listened to an elder statesman give a new slant on how to cure the world of war.

A joint session of House and Senate heard former Undersecretary of State Will Clayton declare: "As vicious and repugnant as Communism is permanent world peace will never be secured by simply fighting Communism—even though the Communists lost."

"Peace will not come, he asserted, 'as long as most of the world lives in poverty.'"

Outlined Campaign
Silver-haired Clayton, one of the nation's top cotton executives, and advocate of the Atlantic Union movement, outlined this campaign against war:

"Make the free world so strong 'the aggressor dare not strike.' Then use the 'breathing spell' to unite the free world politically, militarily, and economically, at the same time raising the living standards of rebellious, poverty-stricken nations.

"It is a tragic mistake," Clayton said, "to look upon Communism as the only obstacle to a continuation of our tranquil enjoyment of the luxurious life, while much of the rest of the world lives in poverty."

"Communism is but an outward manifestation of the world revolution now in progress—a revolution of the 'have-nots,' not so much against the 'have's' as against their own lot in life."

Clayton pointed specifically to the Orient, "with more than a billion people, 90 per cent of whom are clutching at the ragged edge of a miserable existence."

The former diplomat was introduced by Gov. Shivers as "a Texas citizen who is interested in his fellow man."

Clayton called the North Atlantic Treaty a start toward the armed might necessary to hold off war.

He said lend lease, the British loan, the Marshall Plan, and other cooperative efforts are examples of what can be done in the long-range effort to raise living standards.

Construction of the 12 foot stone pylon in the new entrance-way of the College Station cemetery will be completed by the end of this week, according to Raymond Rogers, city manager.

"The stone-mason began work yesterday by laying the foundation for the monument and he estimated it would take approximately five days to finish," said Rogers.

The pylon is made of Austin Limestone. The five and one half tons of stone were purchased for \$15 per ton and hauled to College Station in City trucks.

"The gate would be entirely completed this week if the City could purchase some railroad rails or some other suitable substitute for a cattle guard which will extend across the entrance gate to the cemetery," added Rogers.

The cost of the new entrance will be approximately \$600 although the labor is mostly done by city employees.

Cemetery Gate Nearly Ready

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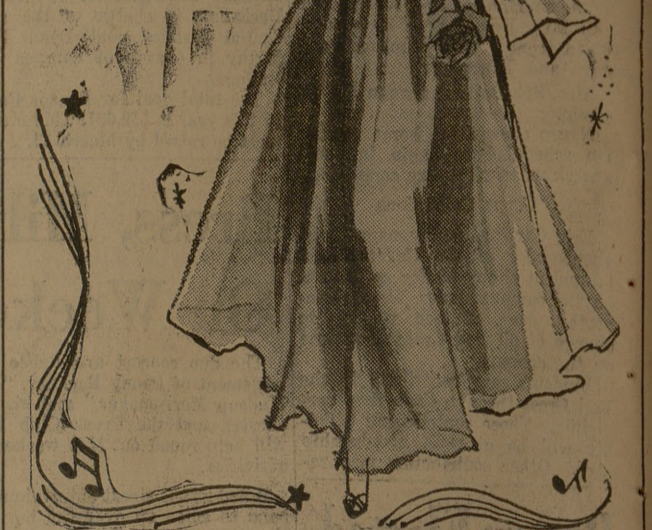
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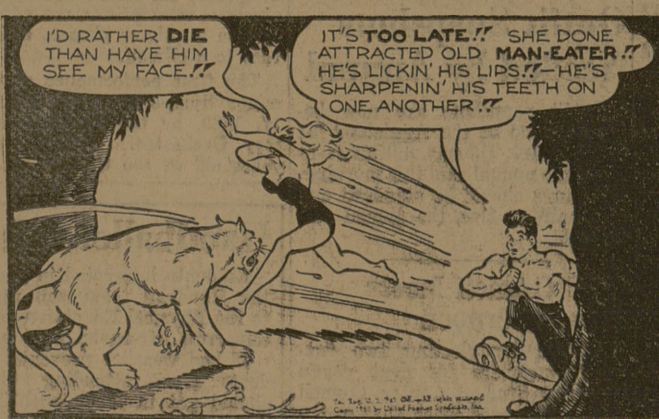
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