

People's Republican Party...

NEARLY EVERYONE who has any knowledge of politics, both theoretical and "pork barrel," agrees that a working two party system would help Texas.

As things now stand, we have two divisions in Texas politics—liberal and conservative Democrats—but the division line is hard to see on all levels and most elections are fought on a personal basis.

One of the reasons often overlooked when searching for the cause of the failures of the Texas Republican party is that the leaders of this state's GOP do not actually care for an active party.

hope that some day the GOP will gain national favor and then they can reap the local benefits.

The Texas Legislature's only Republican, Rep. Edward T. Dicker, has been fighting to get a bill passed which would regulate the Republican party.

Our legislators who are Texans first and Democrats second will take an active interest in the bill and work to get it passed.

Take Incentive Away--Then What?

"SOMETIMES we wonder, perhaps, why we declared our independence and fought for it and then accepted the invitation of the United States to become a state."

He added "a minority opinion of the so-called Supreme Court on the tidelands repudiated that solemn agreement, thereby robbing and stealing from the school children of Texas billions of dollars worth of rich oil producing territories."

This speech indicates how strongly this decision is resented by some Texans. In view of the tax setup that prevails today, we wonder if this seizure will result in a net gain to the Federal Government.

We might learn a great deal about this from England. Information indicates that she is fresh out of taxable millionaires, and production without incentive, they have learned, is rather difficult to accomplish.

Thanks

WHEN THERE is so much going on in the world today that neither laborer nor housekeeper, student nor businessman can keep up with it all, there is place for sincere appreciation when someone comes along who can clarify for us some of the more intricate details.

On this premise, The Battalion extends to the committee on Great Issues an official "thanks" for bringing to the campus so accomplished a speaker and foreign policy authority as Mrs. Vera M. Dean.

Mrs. Dean made the meaning of many of today's "headlines" much clearer to her audience and gave them reason for more confidence in the ability of this country to pull through the present crisis in the world which it now leads.

If future Great Issues speakers are as interesting and as informing, the College will have received more than adequate return on its investment.

US Mobilization Program Shows

Arms Are Faster, Stronger

(This is the last of a four-part series surveying the U. S. mobilization front.—The Editor.)

By RELMAN MORIN AP Special Correspondent

IN ITALY during the last war I listened to the questioning of a German officer, who said of the American Army: "Pretty good... but slow, much too slow."

That was relatively early in the war. Some time later, a German military analyst, speaking over Berlin, told his listeners: "The enemy has only one general—Patton—who fully understands the principles of modern war. He understands mobility."

Whether the Germans were right on either point is open to question. But those two observations keep coming back to mind, over and over again, in looking at the new American armament program.

Even in the most widely diversified plants, regardless of the article or weapon being produced, you find the same motif—more speed, more mobility, more hitting power.

These trademarks are best expressed in the new tanks. Even in World War II, the "best" tank, presumably was the biggest and most heavily-armed. The Germans developed a 60-ton monster, the Tiger, and an American crewman wrote his father: "The turret of a Tiger is bigger than our whole tank."

The biggest Russian tank known is the J. S. (for Josef Stalin) 3, reported to be 62 tons. None has been seen in Korea.

Why don't we build one that big? The answer is: We did, even before Pearl Harbor, but we have better ones coming up now.

Apart from size and weight, American engineers today are concentrating on some other qualities, namely:

● Speed and the ability to wrestle the roughest terrain.

● Hitting power, a more destructive gun with a more penetrating shell.

● Road performance and cruising range per gallon of fuel. The late General Patton claimed that if his famous 4th Armored Division had been equipped with German Tigers, every one would have broken down on the road before the division ever reached the Moselle. As for cruising, some Tigers could keep moving only 2 1/2 hours on a full load of gas.

Specifications Restricted

The specifications of the biggest American tanks are not yet publishable data. But Brig. Gen. D. J. Crawford, commanding officer of the Detroit Arsenal, put it this way in commenting on a new contract to the Chrysler Corporation: "Chrysler, with the assistance of ordnance, will be making preparations for the production of a heavier land battleship which tests show will out-slug any land-fighting machine ever produced by our allies or our enemies."

Which would indicate the engineers have solved those problems of the competing ratios between speed, weight, heat gas consumption, and durability on the road, or over the fields.

"Walker Bulldog"

Meanwhile, the Army has taken the wraps off a typical new tank, the "Walker Bulldog" which is small, fast and lethal. It weighs less than 26 tons, can wind up to 40 miles an hour, has an automatic torque transmission, and gyroscopic sights that keep the gun on the targets, however the hull may be bouncing around.

It is small but the Army says it can handle the bigger Russian T-34, a medium that has given American tanks a bad time in Korea.

The emphasis on mobility goes right down the line, applying to practically everything on wheels in

the new army. Earlier in this series, I mentioned the combat vehicles with water-proofed wiring and "breathers" that permit them to run while completely under water.

A blown bridge provided the river isn't too deep, won't stop those vehicles.

Unusual Place

The same trademark appeared again in an unusual place—a leather goods plant in Des Moines.

Through three wars, the Boyt Corporation has been making packs for the infantry, pistol holsters, saddlebags, artillery harness and gun covers. The firm still is filling such orders.

But something new has been added, Walter Boyt said. His craftsmen are working on a huge contract for containers for freight parachutes, capable of carrying 5,000 pounds.

What does it mean? It illustrates the increased importance of the air-drop. Freight carriers of that size would be needed to supply by air a unit far out ahead of its own lines, isolated and perhaps totally surrounded. The tricks of that technique were under study in the last war. They are being developed in Korea today.

New Kind of Warfare

Most probably we are seeing the need of positional warfare, the solid line of infantry, stretching unbroken across hundreds of miles of front, and supplied by road transport.

Modern tactics call for cutting large units away from the main forces, units of infantry, artillery and tanks strong enough to "sit down" anywhere in enemy territory, chop up communications and supply areas, then shoot their way out when the job is done.

Such task forces will be supplied by air, and they will need the tanks and transport to move faster, and more dependably, than an enemy could maneuver.

GI's Don't Like Walking

A few months ago in Korea, an American officer remarked: "American soldiers don't like to walk. Put wheels under 'em and they'll attack anything."

In today's rearmament, there are more wheels, designed to go faster and carry more hitting power, than anything the world has ever seen.

Twenty Aggies Enter USAF Flight Training

Twenty Aggies who were commissioned Second Lieutenants in the U. S. Air Force January, 1951, have volunteered for flying duty, Major C. L. Thomas, Air Force Public Information Officer said today.

The list includes Lts. Joe H. Pate, Wharton; Joy V. Springer, San Antonio; Albert R. Moser, Waco; Raymond A. Kinsey, Medina; John H. Ludwig, Bryan; Bentley C. Hook, Waco; Edwin H. Hatzenbuehler, Dallas; Frederick C. Hall, Bryan; Andrew S. Barada III, Houston; John H. Stotts, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and James L. Brown, Fort Worth; who will train at Connally Air Force Base in Waco.

Training at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo will be Lts. Donald H. Hooten, Dallas; Richard X. Cook, Nederland; Donald F. Carroll, Bryan; Bill T. Johnson Jr., Terrill; Richard R. Morris, De Leon; and Stanley R. White, Lufkin.

Lt. James H. Bothwell, Longview, will train at Perrin Air Force Base, where Lt. Oscar Medlin, '50 is presently training.

Lippard Promoted To Major by AF

Capt. John A. Lippard, USAF, has been promoted to the rank of Major, effective March 7.

Major Lippard entered the Air Force in March, 1942 and served in the European and Pacific Theaters for 53 months. He is the holder of the American Defense Ribbon, European Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, and Japanese Occupation Ribbon.

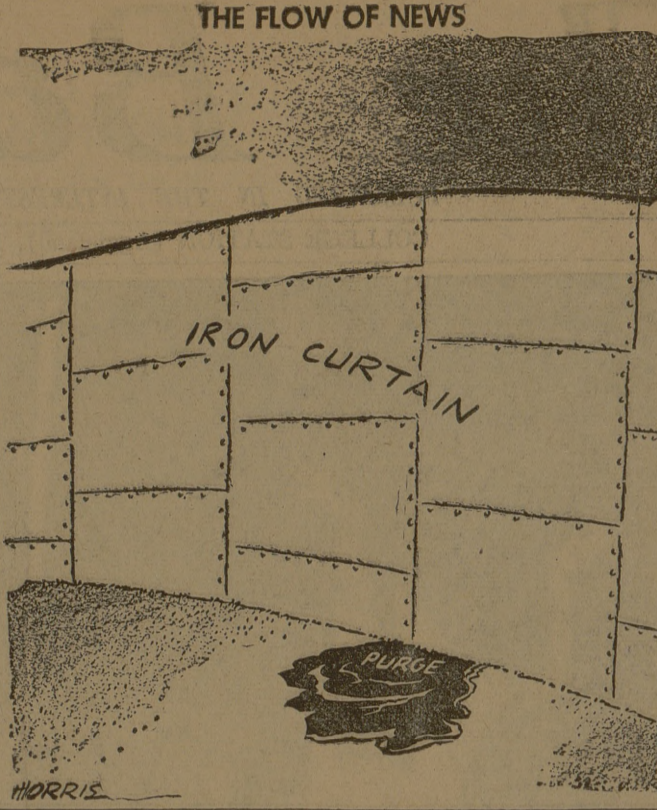
The former Captain was stationed at Biggs Air Force Base before reporting to Headquarters, Eighth Air Force in January, 1950.

He and his wife and daughter live at 224 General Arnold Blvd., Fort Worth.

Word Named Head Of San Angelo Club

Annual election of officers and plans for a Spring party were the main topics under discussion at a meeting of the San Angelo Club Thursday night.

The officers elected are Max Word, president; Grid Curry, vice-president; Jimmy Howell, secretary; Jim Bill Little, treasurer; Tom Harris, reporter; and the Tail-twisters Louis Woodward, Clay Atchison, and Dick Lewis.



Is It Another Ruse?

Russia Talks Peace Again; What's She Plotting Now?

HERE we go again. The latest Soviet peace offensive now seems to be in full bloom, and it looks like the ring-tailed granddaddy of them all.

From past experience, one is justified in believing that it means the Kremlin is hatching another plot, to spring on the world when and if it has become sufficiently lulled.

Pattern Obvious The pattern is so obvious it would be funny, if it didn't involve blasting the hopes of all the world for peace. As it was so often before, this peace offensive coincides with four-power talks and with great bombast from Moscow and its provincial galeites.

The first big peace offensive came back in 1947, after Russia frayed the nerves of the world with her nasty gestures against neighboring Iran. There was a four-power conference in session then, too. After it faded into history, Hungary suddenly was gobbled up. Yugoslavia was thrown out of the cominform on an accusation of independence.

Second Came Quickly The second big peace spectacle followed quickly after this. The big four was preparing for a London meeting on the German question, foredoomed to frustration. People were beginning to talk about real peace.

Number 2 offensive went boom in 1948. Czechoslovakia was gobbled up. Disorders broke out with Communist inspiration in France, Italy and elsewhere.

Came calm again. Came lectures from Moscow on the love of peace. Came the raising of hopes in weary Europe. Came a sort of truce in the cold war. Stalin issued a pronouncement. He was for peace.

Number 3 offensive blew up. Russia imposed a blockade on Berlin which almost led to a shooting war. Tension rose to a new peak by the beginning of 1949.

The fourth big peace offensive started in the Spring of 1949.

Petroleum Meeting Set for April 19-20

The second Petroleum Recovery Conference, sponsored by the Texas Petroleum Research Committee and the Petroleum Department will be held in the Memorial Student Center April 19-20.

Paul D. Torrey, consulting petroleum engineer and geologist of Houston and chairman of the advisory committee on secondary recovery of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, is general chairman of the conference.

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More Reserves Called Vets May Finish Schooling After Completing ROTC

TEXAS has been assigned a quota of 931 officers, 729 lieutenants and 202 captains, in the fourth program ordering civilian component company grade officers to active duty announced by the Department of the Army recently, Captain Marion B. Findlay, ORC Instructor for this area, said this morning.

This quota includes all the basic arms and services as well as five lieutenants and one captain of the WAC.

The combat branches will furnish the largest number, Infantry, 187 lieutenants and 42 captains; Field Artillery, 154 lieutenants and 25 captains; Armor, 53 lieutenants and 11 captains. The Corps of Engineers requires

the largest number among the services, 89 lieutenants and 18 captains.

Volunteers will be given first priority and every effort will be made to fill as much of the quota as possible from among those who submit voluntary applications, Captain Findlay said.

The priority in which non-volunteers will be ordered to active duty is:

● Members of the Active Reserve Corps commissioned from the ROTC who were deferred from Selective Service under an ROTC deferment agreement and have had less than two years prior active Federal service as officers.

● Members of the Active Reserve only of the Organized Reserve Corps commissioned from the ROTC who did not execute an ROTC deferment agreement and who have had less than two years prior active Federal service as officers, warrant officers or enlisted men.

● Members of the Volunteer Reserve.

National Guard officers will only be ordered to active duty under this program as individuals and provided they submit voluntary applications. No members of the Inactive Reserve will be ordered to active service unless they volunteer.

Officers with four or more dependents will not be ordered to active duty if they request exemption because of hardship. Dependents for this purpose are defined as wife, legitimate children and dependent parents.

Members of the Womens Army Corps with dependents under 18 years of age will not be ordered into active military service.

Under this program, veterans who have completed the Advanced Course ROTC and are now completing a college course, will not be ordered to active duty prior to graduation or withdrawal from college.

Officers who are drawing pensions, disability allowances or disability compensation may be selected and ordered to active duty, provided they are otherwise qualified. In physical examination, special attention will be given to the disability for which they are being compensated.

Company grade officers of both the Active and Inactive Reserve are requested to submit applications through Capt. Findlay's office in College Station, National Guard officers will submit applications through the National Guard channels to the Adjutant General of the State.

J. Paul Shedy* Switched to Wildroot Cream-Oil Because He Flunked The Finger-Nail Test



DON'T let those stripes fool you. J. Paul was no prisoner of love! His hair looked like a tiger rag, and he was feeling mighty low. But did Shedy buy a wig? No! He's not a cheater! "I hate to be catty," his roommate said, "but even an ugly puss looks better with Wildroot Cream-Oil! Non-alcoholic. Contains soothing Lanolin! Relieves annoying dryness. Removes loose, ugly dandruff. Helps you pass the fingernail test!" Shedy got Wildroot Cream-Oil, and now he has every girl on campus waiting in line for a date! So, be catty... get a tube or bottle of Wildroot Cream-Oil Hair Tonic at any drug or toilet goods counter today. And ask your barber for professional applications. Then you'll be the cat's pajamas. But don't delay. Meow is the time.

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