

Mobilization Free for All...

THE MOBILIZATION PROGRAM is rapidly degenerating into a three cornered game of "grab bag." The administration, big business, and organized labor are having a nice free for all at the very time we are trying to sell the rest of the world on the virtues and powers of capitalism. The fact that any other power is willing or able to defeat us either ideologically or in the trial by arms apparently is not a matter to be considered.

As we have mentioned before, this goes over big with the troops who frequently have to fight with short artillery rations. Five shells a day may or may not be enough to repel a horde of Chinese Communists. It may get worse unless the United Labor Policy Committee comes back into the fold. This apparently will not happen until they are assured that Labor will get a full share of the long green.

The result will probably be that big business will raise prices to the point where profits will be constant. Organized Labor will tie wages on to the rising cost of living to assure a constant standard of living. And the middle class, as usual, will be caught in the squeeze play. No one will assure them anything but constantly low wages.

The men and women in the service won't even get to put a hand into the grab bag.

This is an old story, too. Shortages and personal uncertainty have already done a pretty good job on the small businessman and professional men in certain age groups.

If we can't find an equitable solution, and do it quick, we may not survive. And if the inertia of our system is too great to make such a change in fairness to all concerned, it is questionable that some of the elements of our system deserve to survive.

The law of the jungle applies to political science too.

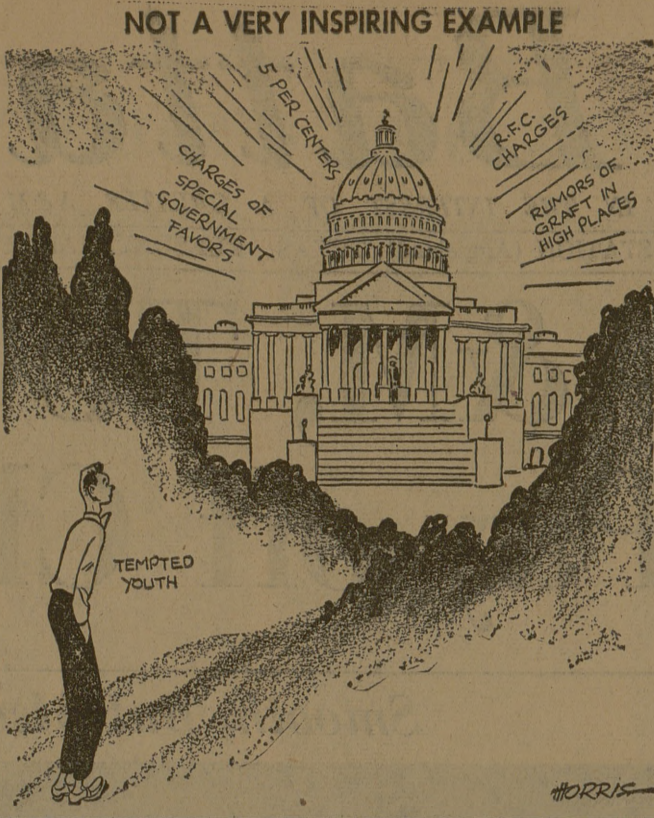
Ten More Days

TEN More Days. Just 10 more working days before those mid-semester grades will start rolling out of the calculating machines.

For those of us with deans or the executive committee sniffing on our trail, those ten days mean a lot.

For some graduating seniors with a 2.5 for four year's work, those 10 days won't make much difference.

Go out and drink your beer distinguished students—the rest of us are going to stay home and get off the dean's team.



Man With a Purpose

Japanese Want Citizenship

By ARTHUR NELSON

WASHINGTON, March 12—(AP)—It isn't a headline-making congressional hearing. No mink coats. No deep freezes. No dancing girls. But to energetic, 35-year-old Mike Masaoka, the hearing on changes in our immigration and naturalization laws is of top-flight importance. He hasn't missed a

meeting of the Senate and House Judiciary subcommittees, and he doesn't intend to.

I thought you might be interested in Mike because he doesn't fit in the picture that usually is painted of lobbyists. Like many another person working here to influence legislation, Mike has no money to throw around—and he doesn't control enough votes to swing a single congressional election.

All Mike has is his own seemingly boundless energy, a cheerful friendliness, and he quickly points out, "a cause that is just." That may be enough.

Mike's cause may be better understood by looking first at Mike. The Masaoka family moved from Fresno to Utah. Mike went to school there, was graduated from the University of Utah. Everything was going along nicely until Dec. 7, 1941. That was a disaster for all of us, but it was a double disaster to Americans who looked like the enemy.

Japanese were put in detention camps. Japanese-Americans, though citizens, were suspected of treachery. Mike was jailed nine times.

He decided the best way Japanese-Americans could prove their loyalty would be to have a fighting force of their own. The 442nd Japanese American Regimental combat team was the result.

The first volunteer: Mike Masaoka. The second, third, fourth and fifth volunteers: Mike's brothers.

The combat team had a terrific record. "We helped rescue the Texans," he says proudly, "and I am now an honorary citizen of Texas."

The 442nd won medals by the bucket full. The cost was high. Its casualties ran higher than 300 percent counting replacements.

The Masaokas won 30 medals, but one brother was killed, another suffered wounds that left him 100 percent disabled, another was 40 percent disabled.

Mike came home to work for the Japanese-American Citizens League and its 10,000 members.

The league has two objectives that are under consideration at the present hearing. In the order of their importance, these are:

Full naturalization rights for Japanese. No Japanese ever has been allowed to become a citizen, although, of course, his children who are born here are citizens.

Letter from Korea

Tank Lt. 'Respects' Infantry, Artillery

(Many of our readers will remember last year's Battalion co-editor, Clark C. Munroe, who took a regular army commission after graduation last year. Munroe has been in Korea several months now as a tank platoon commander. Presented here are extracts from a personal letter written to Col H. L. Boatner. What Munroe has to say, we believe, will be of interest to Battalion readers. We are grateful to Colonel Boatner for submitting the letter to us for publication.—The Editor.)

TONIGHT I am sitting on the outskirts of Chechon. We've just recovered from a virtual flood which washed our battalion out of a river bed at 0100 yesterday morn-

ing. We, the battalion, were all set up on what looked like a choice area. But the Spring's first rainfall turned our location into a swirling mudhole in three hours, necessitating a hasty striking of camp with men in boat deep water and rain pouring down in buckets. Under blackout conditions we were even more handicapped. Tanks were used to pull out wheeled vehicles and before we were finally clear and on the road more than one tank had been mired and eventually freed from the sticky mud.

Now we're located on the side of a hill. I hope the battalion has learned its lesson. I know I have for I've bivouaced in my last river bed.

We've been on the move quite a bit recently. We were at Wonju during the Chinese drive and operated with the 38th Infantry and the 27th British Brigade. At present we're attached to the 23rd Infantry, the French Battalion, for the defense of Chechon. However, the pressure is off so we're utilizing the time on maintenance and in training replacements, both of which we are badly in need of.

I must admit that in the few months I've been over here I've learned a deep respect for our Infantry. Not that I'm going back on the "tankers" for they're tops, but I shall always take my hat off to the men in the foxholes. They

have done a wonderful job over here under the worst possible conditions against the greatest odds. Sometimes I wonder how they can stick with it but when the chips are down they can hold their own and more.

The artillery, too, has done wonders here against the Reds. Of course on my level I can't evaluate any branch in terms of the "big picture," but from what I can read and observe the Artillery has more than held its own here.

Intelligence reports, which you've no doubt read, bear out the terrific losses inflicted by artillery. I know that at Wonju the concentrated fire had a big effect in turning the Chinese attack. Lord knows there was enough artillery present and they put out a tremendous volume of fire.

I read with interest an article in The Battalion regarding the new project you started at school whereby the cadets could observe a mock attack by an Infantry platoon.

After my limited experience here I believe it is a bang-up idea. It should give all those who observe or participate a good conception of infantry tactics. I have found that you can't know too much of that sort of operation for several times here we've had to resort to such tactics or aid the infantry when they went into an attack.

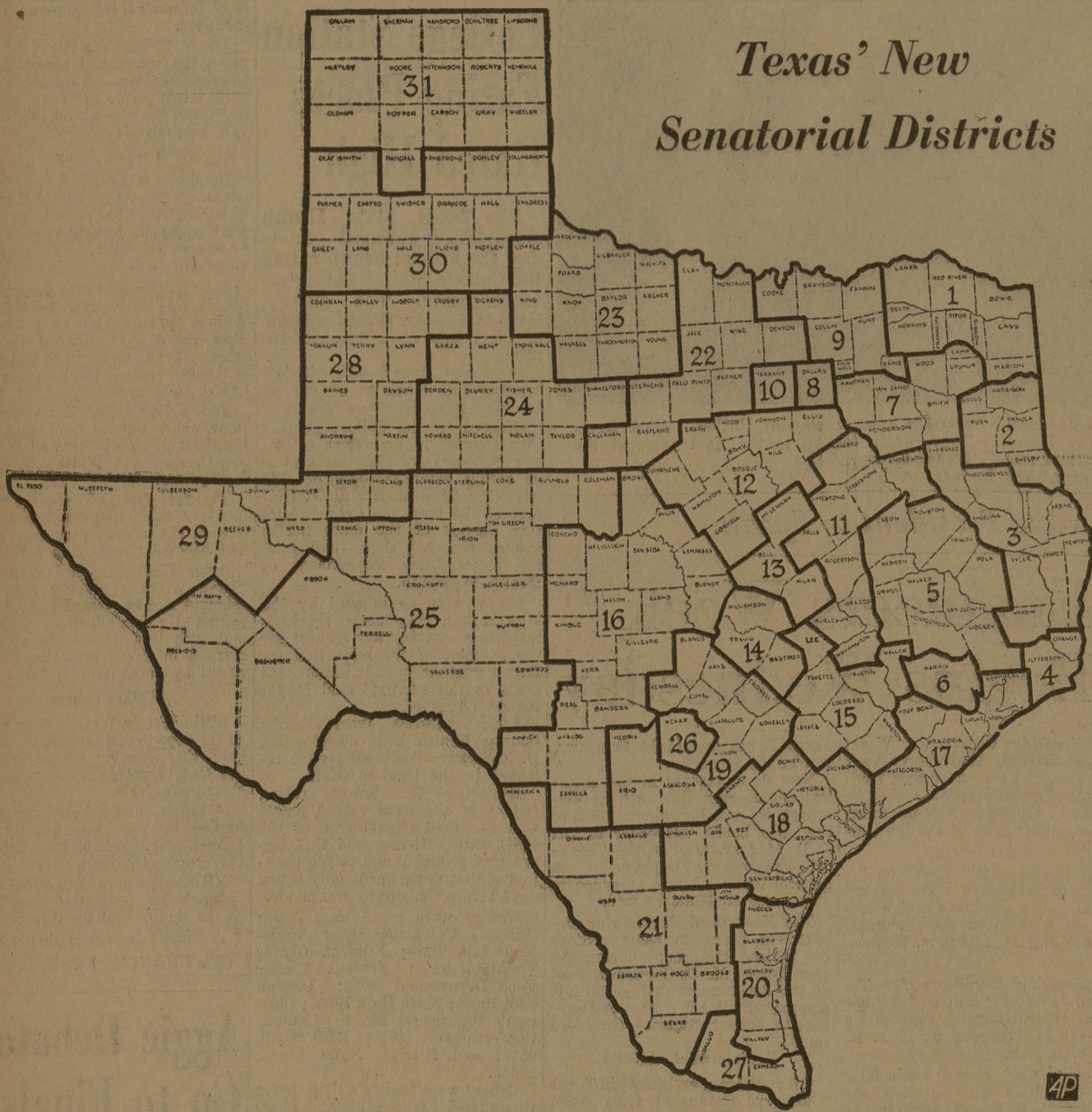
It's no reflection on my excellent A&M training but I wish, at times, that I knew a lot more about how the Infantry operates than I do. Being attached to the 2nd Infantry Division, we do almost all our operations in conjunction with the infantry so every bit of added knowledge of infantry tactics helps out.

I understand quite a number of the class of '50 have been called to active duty. I keep my eyes open for them but at yet have not seen any here. I understand Bill Turley, who took a Regular Army commission when I did is with the 1st Cav. however, we've never been near their sector so I've been unable to contact him.



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Tito Levels 'Two-fisted' White Paper at Russia

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YUGOSLAVIA'S formal charges the past weekend that Russia is preparing the satellites to overthrow Marshal Tito's government are important—but not new. The official Yugoslav white paper issued on the subject is a grave document. It's about the most two-fisted document leveled at Russia since Tito was read out of the Bolshevik fold by the cominform.

Good Review

However, it is reviewing and bringing up to date a situation with which we have been conversant for some time. I take it that the new white paper is largely for the information of the western powers and the United Nations. Possibly the Belgrade government also feels that by thus spotlighting the situation it may slow down the anti-Yugoslav activities of the neighboring Balkan satellites.

The break between Moscow and Marshal Tito came in '48, nearly three years ago. It was caused by his rejection of the Bolshevik tenet that Communist nations must surrender their sovereignty to Moscow. Tito didn't reject Communism al-

together, however. He built himself a new ism along nationalistic lines. This has become known as Titoism and has spread to the Communist parties of numerous countries, including the satellites. Moscow has been harassing Yugoslavia through the neighboring satellites. The latest white paper reiterates that Russia has been applying "direct military pressure" against Yugoslavia and has been supplying the Soviet satellites with arms and troops for the overthrow of Tito's government.

New Tax — Punchboard

Austin, March 13—(AP)—A state tax on punchboards was proposed today. Rep. Henry Lehman of Giddings said the state had no tax on them now. He filed a bill that would levy a tax of 33 1/3 per cent of the money the punchboards would take in. The tax would have to be paid before the punchboard could be exhibited for use.

Bible Verse

A FOOL uttereth all his mind; but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards. —Proverbs 29: 11.

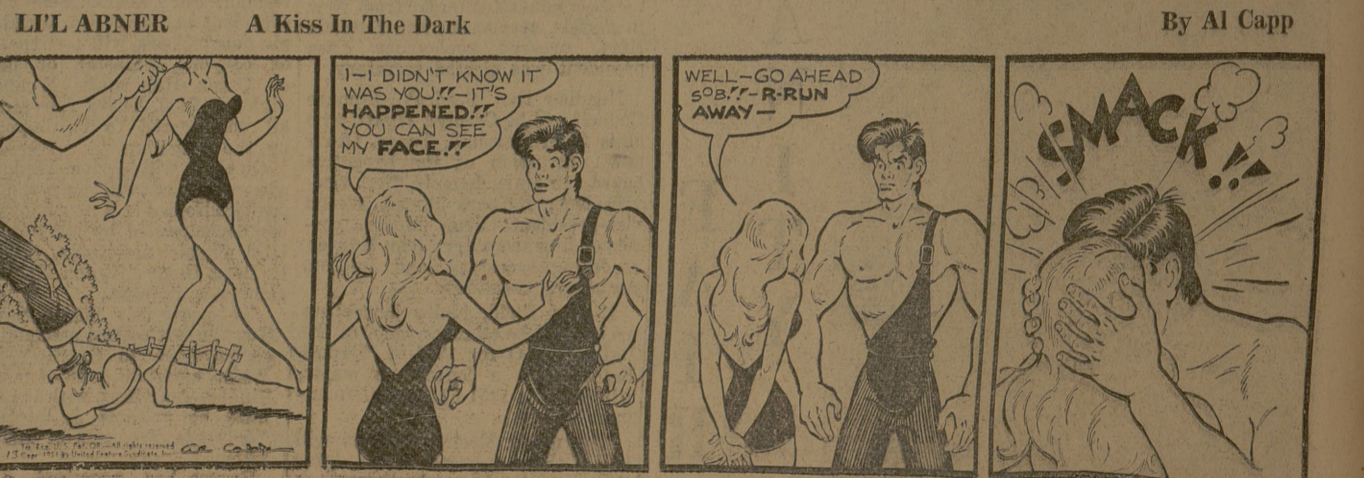
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