

Just a Straight Answer...

A SIMPLE QUESTION, Mr. McGrath, a direct answer to which would be appreciated by the citizens of Texas and doubtless by those other states.

Why have you not brought suit against various states of the Union to recover from them the revenue that they are receiving from submerged lands which under the tidelands decision you assert belong to the United States?

Rhode Island and Maryland make a substantial income from the lease of their claim and oyster beds. New York and New Jersey derive revenue from the lease of piers and other improvements. Maine rents out for the recovery of kelp a larger area of its tidelands than Texas has leased for oil. Its iodine product is as essential to national defense as Texas oil.

Why, Mr. McGrath, do you not bring suit against these states? Why do you not sue your own State of Rhode Island, or have Mr. Perlman bring suit against his own State of Maryland?

You have brought suit against the states of Texas, California and Louisiana. The oyster beds of Rhode Island are leased out for the profit of private industry with a return to the general fund of your state. The oil leases of Texas go to the school children of this state. It would seem to this citizenry that you would have moved first against Rhode Island.

Your predecessor, Tom Clark, had at least the courage to sue his own state. We believe him to have been wrong in law and in principle and the Supreme Court that has ruled in his favor and yours to have tortured law and fact beyond all human conception of basis.

But if the court is right in its decision, Dr. McGrath, the point has been made and your duty is plain. Why do you not act?

It may be, Mr. McGrath, that your office is burdened with many difficulties, with small staff and too little time to initiate a suit now. But you have been greatly concerned about the Federal Government's loss of revenue to Texas and California and to Louisiana. You have betrayed no public interest in the loss of revenue to Rhode Island, Maryland, New York, New Jersey and Maine.

Your sworn duty as Attorney General requires you to file that suit now. You can not afford to let time run. And, in any event, why do you not state publicly that you will file suit as soon as you can get the papers prepared?

A simple question, Mr. McGrath, you who have sworn to protect the interest of the United States to the best of your ability, so help you God;

Why not?

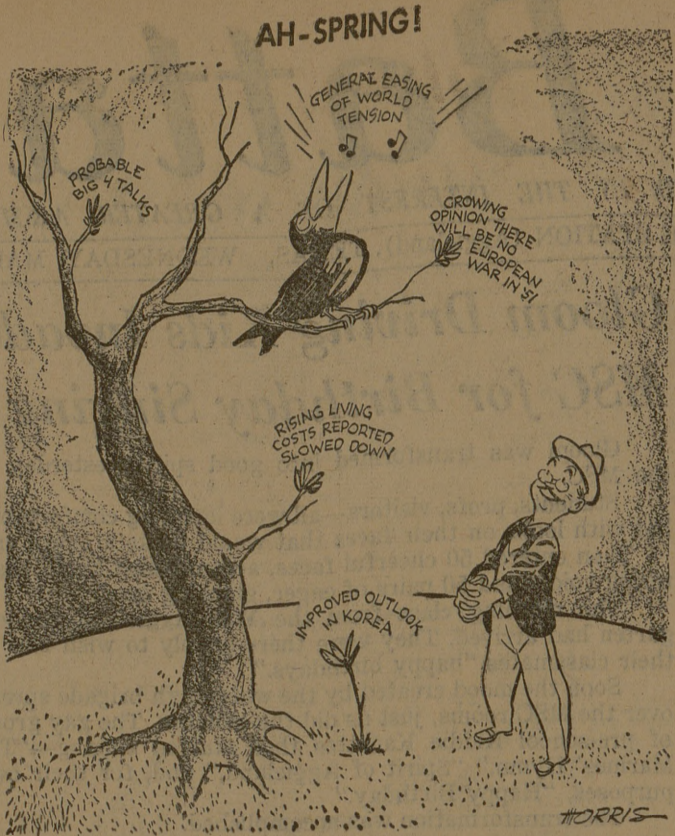
—The Dallas Morning News

'Strong-Arming' Won't Help

THE CIVIL WAR is over, but some of the issues are being preserved as glowing coals which may or may not have a chance to flare up again. Social inertia is a big thing, and it cannot be stormed like a citadel. There are, however, several groups which are exerting antagonistic pressures on the matter of racial segregation.

South Carolina is facing this problem now, and some drastic changes may take place. Governor James F. Byrnes is ready to abandon the public school system if South Carolina cannot continue to separate white and negro pupils. He said in a recent speech "we will, if it is possible, live within the law, preserve the public school system, and at the same time maintain segregation. If that is not possible, reluctantly we will abandon the public school system. To do that would be choosing the lesser of two great evils."

We can understand the intentions of these pressure groups that seek universal and exact interpretation of existing laws, but strong arm methods will only increase existing opposition to certain racial groups. Legislating inter-racial attitudes is a risky thing at best, and the forces involved can, as history shows, be quite destructive. The present emergency is certainly no time to fan the flames of race prejudice.



Talent Bureau Visits McClosky Hospital

The MSC Talent Bureau will send a group of entertainers to McClosky Hospital, Temple this evening. This will make the third trip to Temple by this organization since its organization in October.

Pete Mayeaux, popular singer, Bob Zentner, accordionist, and Betty Bolander, singer, will entertain patients in the TB wards.

Sixteen members of the Gymnastics Club entertained approximately 293 patients in the hospital last Sunday.

An exhibition of tumbling, the hand balance, high bar, trampoline, and parallel bars was given. N. A. Ponthieux and N. C. "Bud" Matthews, sponsors for the Gymnastics Club, accompanied the group.

Those making the trip were Bert Beecroft, Harold Turner, Bob Moore, Conrad Welb, Olan Boyd, Skeet Cameron, Bob Doly, Carl Johnson, Clyde Mahler, Craig Patton, Bob Waggoner, Bud Wilson, Natches Flores, Don Bleyl, Bill Curry, and Wallace Smith.

An auditorium show was given the neuropsychiatric patients at McClosky Hospital by the Talent Bureau on Jan. 26.

Bill Guthrie and Mrs. Harry L. Shannon sang a duet, Pete Mayeaux rendered some popular songs, and W. R. Schrank and Weldon Isensee played the guitar and accordion in the show.

Jan. 17 was the first time the Talent Bureau took a show to McClosky Hospital.

A show consisting of a girl's sextet from Consolidated High School, Mrs. Harry Shannon, singer, and Bill Holland and Jack Cockrum, record impersonators was presented in the TB wards.

The Talent Bureau holds tryouts every Wednesday from 5 to 6 p. m. in the MSC. The audition-

Winners Interwoven Socks advertisement featuring an image of a sock and text describing the product's quality and availability at W.S.D. Clothiers.

Above and Beyond 'Mere Legality'

REPRESENTATIVE Fred Marshall (D-Minn.) implied that Congressional ethics may not be all that is expected of the law-making body by a trusting constituency.

He said that all people interested in honest government "must be bewildered and shocked by the almost daily reports of corruption and scandal being disclosed" in government operations.

These are the main points in his argument:

- The acceptance of retainers or other salaries is not illegal, but the standard of public life should not be "mere legality." Many Congressmen and Senators have been known to accept such favors. These jobs are full time jobs, but the acceptance of a retainer implies that a service has been performed. A public service for all interests is incompatible with the acceptance of a profit from service favoring a particular interest.

These "doubtful operations" are endangering the RFC which makes 80 percent of its loans to small business. Marshall added "but this fact is obscured by the disgusting spectacle of its officials collaborating with men in the White House and in Congress to set up questionable financial ventures and Miami Beach hotels."

This statement by Representative Marshall is in our opinion one of the most factual and intelligent that has been made concerning Washington ethics. We particularly favor a Congressional criterion above and beyond "mere legality."

Elder Statesman Bernard Baruch has issued another stern prophetic warning. The target of his criticism is the "wait-and-see policy that has brought us into our present predicament."

Last July he advocated rearmament and an all-out sacrifice to hold the line against infiltration. Failure to do this is the cause of the difficulties we now face, and the ones that will lie ahead.

While Price Stabilization Director Michael V. DiSalle says that zooming prices may level off within 60 days, Bernard Baruch can, with every justification, say "I told you so." The latest calculation pegs the falling dollar at 30 cents, but housewives probably wonder how the experts can be so naive.

The Battalion

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Silver Star Added To Infantry Badge

A distinctive silver star has been added to the Combat Infantry badge and the medical badge, the Department of Army has announced.

The badge can be worn by Army Infantrymen and Medical Corpsmen who have seen action in World War II and the Korean fighting. The silver star denotes a second award of the badge and is added to the basic design of the first award.

The badges do not represent individual feats of valor, but are given in recognition of exemplary performance and a high degree of proficiency in tasks characteristic of the soldier's type of service, the Army said.

Bible Verse: I, O, I AM with you always, even unto the end of the world. -Matthew 28: 20.

Odds and Ends; Mostly Odd

Rich Arrive And Go; Poor Remain

By DEAN REED

IF A&M IS still a "poor boy's school," at least we've got wealthy visitors on the campus. It happened in the MSC:

Several couples here for a short course were preparing to check out. One of the men stopped a female companion in the party and said, "Say, isn't that your cream-colored Pontiac out front that's blocking traffic?"

To which the middle-aged woman replied, "I really don't remember whether this one is cream-colored or not. Wait a second and let me ask my husband."

Plutocrats.

THE TISA treasurer had just completed his annual report at the students' convention here last week. He read "... dollars and 47 cents."

Just at that time a girl delegate from Texas University dropped an ashtray to the floor. It shattered.

An A&M delegate muttered "... "make that read 37 cents."

CO-EDITOR Clayton L. Selph has been losing and finding his bicycle for the better part of his years at A&M. Whether it's stolen again now or not, we don't know. It seems to happen so often.

The journalist has a simple system for reporting the oft-taken bicycle to the KK's, however. He just walks by their door and nods. They know the bike is missing again.

BACK TO the TISA convention: The discussion was on politics in general and the Students Association officer election in particular. A University of Houston delegate piped up.

"Politicking? That is now P-O-L-I-T-I-S-A."

AN OLDIE that just came back to us: An Eighth Regimental cadet sergeant was tiring of the usual "Beat Hell Outa So-and-So" spiel as football season was drawing to a close.

The serge-bottom decided to enliven the ritualistic lingo. A bright-faced freshman then appeared, proceeded to "Beat the Hell..." outa somebody. The third-year man thought he would toss a monkey-wrench. "Why?" he asked.

"Damned if I know," replied the freshman and walked on.

AFTERMATH TISA third stanza: Secretary Marie Collogne of Hockaday had read the roll of schools attending the convention a dozen times. Each time she would say "University of Texas."

When the 1951-52 secretary, Evelyn Hargrove of Austin College, took over, one of her first duties was to conduct a roll-call vote.

Upon reaching the line edged in Orange and White, she quietly termed it "TU?" The A&M delegation roared.

Casino Beach Site Of Ft. Worth Club Party

The Ft. Worth Club will hold its Easter Party at Casino Beach, Lake Worth on Friday, Jerry Crader, club president announced this morning.

The party, a picnic affair, will begin at 6 p. m. Drinks will be furnished by the club, Crader said.

Easter Gifts advertisement for Central Texas Hardware Co. listing items like trays, pitchers, candy boxes, bowls, lazy susans, casseroles, and sugars & cream.

The COMMENTATOR is NOW ON SALE AT YOUR NEAREST NEWSSTAND.

Waldrop & Co. advertisement for men's clothing featuring 'Cold Fire! Red Hot!' and listing items like Sox, Ties, and Sportshirts.

LFL ABNER comic strip panels featuring characters and dialogue about marriage and face changes.