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To Take the Bait Or Turn it Down

THE COMBINATION of time, youth and money is a very strong magnet that is drawing many students away from textbooks into military service or lucrative jobs in expanding defense industries.

A substantial argument to stem this premature shortcut to fame and fortune is not easily found. Youth lives in the present, and long range programs are too uncertain and intangible to counteract the appeal of immediate pleasure.

Make Gambling Pay Off for People

THAT GAMBLING exists in Texas on a large scale is, by now, rather obvious. What to do about it, however, is something else again.

Actually, gambling is quite acceptable to this generation. The big question seems to be—who gets to share in the proceeds which frequently reach astounding sums? Schools, churches, veteran's organizations, and civic groups have been known to use devices of probability to raise money "for a good cause."

On the criminal side of the picture, two syndicates are now fighting for control of Texas gambling, and the killings and bombing have attracted some attention.

This perhaps is one of the biggest problems of educational psychologists—selling education to the student when the rewards are dissociated from the immediate work at hand.

We do not propose to have an argument that youth will accept, but the error of such untimely adventures is apparent. Older people can only advise and hope that their opinions will be valued by those who are strongly tempted to "take the bait."

Laws and rigid enforcement obviously cannot eliminate gambling on all levels, nor could we reasonably expect an overnight spiritual revolution to bring enough moral force to bear on the problem to accomplish anything in this direction.

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Gambling revenue like the Tidelands revenue has finally attracted Federal attention.

LETTERS

Letter From Korea

Some of our readers may remember "Hank" Michalak, who was a staff writer on The Battalion in 1948-49. Michalak is now a Marine sergeant in Korea. Following are excerpts from a letter written by the sergeant, which we feel will be of interest to readers.—The Editor.

Editor, The Battalion:

Congratulations to you on being awarded second prize in the safe driving campaign sponsored by Lumbermen's.

You (Battalion staffers) probably wonder what I'm doing in Korea. Well, sometimes I wonder, too. But I was called up with the inactives and landed here post-haste.

By golly, I thought it was cold when it snowed in College Station in 1949, but I've since really learned what cold weather can be like. In our moves up, we always seemed to be in the throes of swirling snow. I believe the snow season is past now; we haven't had any of the white, clean stuff for two weeks now. Thank goodness for that.

There are more Rice paddies in this country than there are pages in two sets of encyclopedias. The Korean system of terracing these steep hillsides is quite elaborate. They raise rice on rocky hillsides that would hardly be fit to graze a bunch of stateside goats.

Nine-tenths of the villages, towns, and settlements we've been through are shambles. Undoubtedly it will take a long time and millions to restore the ravages war has wrought.

It would be grand seeing an Aggie over here. As far as I know, I seem to be the sole Aggie here, unless there are some I don't know of.

Hank Michalak '50
1st Marine Division



Politico-Journalist Election Produces Results for A&M

By ANDY ANDERSON
Battalion Campus Editor

"I'll swing three votes your way if you will vote for my candidate for vice president."

"I don't need your votes as I already have enough to win without your support."

No, this isn't some congressional meeting as you might think. These were just a couple of the statements that were made Saturday as part of the attempt to get votes for officers of the Southwestern Journalism Congress which held its recent meeting in Norman, Okla.

The officers that were being sought were president, vice president and secretary and a hot battle raged for the latter two.

Patricia Powless of TSCW was a shoe-in for the presidency. The precedent calls for the president of the congress to be from the host school for the next meeting, which TSCW will be for 1952.

SMU and Hardin Simmons each had candidates for the vice president's post. SMU approached the A&M delegation and promised the support of their school, Oklahoma and Oklahoma A&M for A&M's candidate for secretary if A&M could swing the University of Houston, LSU, TSCW and TCU.

Hardin Simmons promised the support of Texas Tech and Baylor as well as theirs if A&M would support their candidate for vice president.

Who ever thought a delegation of four persons could hold so much power over much larger delegations from so many other schools?

As it turned out, SMU's candidate, Russ Thornton won the post as vice president and A&M won the secretaryship with Bill Streich.

This was just a mild form of what is going on in Congress every day but the application is the same.

Another "obvious reason," the report added, was that Russia was an ally of the United States, Britain and Canada at the time.

"Although the Manhattan district attempted to exclude Soviet agents from the ranks of its employees, a great part of the effort was also devoted to excluding agents of Germany, Italy and Japan," the report declared.

But it said "the sheer stresses and strains and urgencies of a war situation probably constitute the greatest single factor accounting for the security lapses that gave entrance to Fuchs, Pontecorvo May and Greenglass."

age to be successful on a major scale requires these ingredients: (1) A trained scientist or specialist, (2) Having critical access to information about the American-British-Canadian project, and (3) Willing to sacrifice his own country in behalf of Russia.

"These conditions were all evident in the cases of Fuchs, Pontecorvo, May and Greenglass. Each man was among the few hundred—the fraction of one per cent—possessing the mental equipment and holding the key positions which alone made possible, if combined with disloyalty, the betraying of essential secrets.

"In any event, it is evident that a lack of moral standards, combined with an overweening and childlike arrogance—all induced by exposure to Communist recruiting techniques during early manhood—characterizes the atomic spy."

After citing the Communist or Communist-tinged background of each of the top four, the report puts this question: "Why, then, were these four

Interpreting the News

Russian Satellites Fall Down on Job

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Frequent reports from behind the iron curtain suggest that Communism is running into trouble with its great source of strength, the industrial worker.

Not often do Communist officials give figures affording any real basis for comparison. American analysts have to depend on outdated figures for plotting things in many fields. Revelation of actual figures in Russia is a crime.

Want Production

At a recent party congress in Hungary, however, figures were used in an effort to impress on members the importance of obtaining increased productivity from labor.

The figures are few. Hungarian production of raw iron in 1949 was 389,000 tons. The five year plan calls for 1,300,000 tons in 1954, with steel going from 860,000 to 2,200,000 tons.

1954 goals in other fields are coal, 27,500,000 tons; electrical energy 6,500,000,000 kilowatt hours; tractors 26,000, and annual irrigation projects at the rate of 370,000 acres.

The speakers explained the program called for a 100 per cent increase in labor productivity. But while production has increased, the rate of worked productivity has fallen off.

Satellites Exploited

It is well known that Russia takes a major portion of the products of the satellites, fixing prices at one end through her control of production corporations, and paying with Russian goods at an inflated ruble value. While there is talk of production of consumer goods, one look at the size of Hungary as compared with the program for heavy industry—which Russia stresses in her military preparations—is sufficient.

The five-year program calls for

Spies Responsible; Fuchs Called 'Deadliest'

Russia 18 Months Ahead on A-Bomb

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
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WASHINGTON, April 9—(AP)—An H-bomb scientist who reportedly fled to Russia, and three confessed spies have advanced the Soviet atomic weapons program at least 18 months, the Senate-Atomic Energy Committee has announced.

Of the four, a committee report rated British citizen Klaus Fuchs as the deadliest spy in all history. The German-born scientist now is serving a 14-year jail term in England for passing atom secrets to the Reds.

The report assigned No. 2 position from a damage standpoint to scientist Bruno Pontecorvo, who disappeared behind the Soviet Iron Curtain last Fall. He was on vacation in Europe from his top secret post at a British atomic research station.

"His more recent studies," the report said, "included work upon tritium, a substance intimately related to the hydrogen bomb."

Just behind Pontecorvo, the report rated Dr. Allan Nunn May, British scientist who was convicted in the Canadian spy expose of 1946, and American-born David Greenglass, sentenced in New York Friday to 15 years in jail.

Greenglass confessed to transmitting atomic data to the Soviets while he was an Army sergeant

assigned during WWII to the atomic bomb project at Los Alamos, N. M.

The report clearly regarded the espionage of Greenglass—who got off with a 15-year term—much more damaging than the spying of Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel. In contrast, the Rosenbergs last Thursday in New York were sentenced to death for ferreting out A-bomb secrets for Russia.

Greenglass is Mrs. Rosenberg's brother. He was a star government witness against her at the trial.

"The conclusion seems reasonable," the report declared, "that the combined activities of Fuchs, Pontecorvo, Greenglass and May have advanced the Soviet Atomic energy program by 18 months as a minimum. In other words, if war should come, Russia's ability to mount an atomic offensive against the West will be greatly increased by reason of these four men."

All four had access at one time or another to atomic secrets in this country. All but Greenglass had access in Britain or Canada as well.

As for Fuchs' kingpin espionage role, the report said:

"It is hardly an exaggeration to say that Fuchs alone has influenced the safety of more people and accomplished greater damage than any other spy not only in the history of the United

States but in the history of nations.

Senator McMahon (D-Conn), chairman of the Joint Atomic Committee, said in an accompanying statement that the report—entitled "Soviet Atomic Espionage" was put together to assist the members "in assessing the damage inflicted on the American atomic project through Soviet espionage."

That damage, the report said, "is indisputably severe." It added, however, that American espionage defenses have not been breached—so far as is known—since mid-1946 "when the law creating the joint committee and the Atomic Energy Commission was enacted."

The report added:

"Before that time, however, Soviet agents did successfully penetrate the joint American-British-Canadian atomic projects. After mid-1946, moreover, further security breaches have occurred in the British program, through Dr. Fuchs and the disappearance of Dr. Pontecorvo."

Besides the big four, the report deals with the courier and related roles played in this country by such people as the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, who drew a 30-year sentence in New York last week.

The case of Harry Gold also comes in for considerable attention. Gold was one of Fuchs' important contacts with Russian officials in this country. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 years in jail.

As a result of Fuchs' help, the report said, the Russians could "avoid making many of the mistakes and following many of the costly false leads that inevitably attended the pioneering days" of the American atomic program.

"He" (Fuchs) took part in making the earliest atomic bombs; he was privy to ideas and plans for improved atomic weapons; and he possessed insight into the thinking of the period as regards the hydrogen bomb," the report declared.

As for the Italian-born Pontecorvo, the report said it is not definitely known whether he passed data to the Russians before he reportedly joined them behind the Iron Curtain.

"In any event," it added, "as of September, 1950, the Soviet acquired in Pontecorvo not only a human storehouse of knowledge about the Anglo-American-Canadian atomic projects, but also a first-rate scientific brain."

Dr. May, the report noted, confessed to writing an overall report on atomic energy as known to him, and of handing it over to the Russians. The data to which he had access "far exceeds the scope of any material in the public domain today, six years later."

The report termed Greenglass apparently the least effective of the quartet of top spies, but added "this evaluation does not detract one iota from the horror of this man's crimes nor lessen his legal and moral guilt."

Searching for some explanation of how the four could have decided to betray their countries, the report concluded that Soviet espionage

Bible Verse

GO ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
—Matthew 28:19.

The Battalion

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Five Events Planned For '52 Town Hall

Negotiations have begun to contract five programs on next season's Town Hall series.

The selection committee for Town Hall met yesterday afternoon in the office of C. G. "Spike" White, assistant dean of men for activities.

An innovation in the program will be a popular "name" orchestra, which will probably appear here during the Fall. A male tenor and a female vocalist, a piano duet, and possibly the Houston Symphony Orchestra complete the program.

No names were released, but Committee Chairman W. M. "Bill" Turner said the members seemed highly pleased with the selections, if they can be obtained.

Rifle Team Fires In National Meet

Washington, April 9—(AP)—Sixty university and college teams competed, throughout the nation yesterday, in the 1951 Intercollegiate Rifle championship firing.

There were 15 sectional competitions. Host schools were West Point, the defending champions; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; the University of Vermont, Buffalo, Maryland, Wisconsin, Colorado, California at Los Angeles and California; Ohio State; Georgia Tech; Louisiana State; Texas A&M; Oklahoma A&M, Washington State.

The defending individual champion was Herbert Voelker, of MIT. Sectional results will be posted by wire with the National Rifle Association here, which will announce national results tonight.



Now receptionist in the Student Activities office is Mrs. Marvin (Thelma) Rush. Mrs. Rush began working for Student Activities February 8. Her husband, Sgt. Rush of the Marines, is in Honolulu, on his way west. Mrs. Rush and daughter Patricia live at 107 Angus, College Station.

Dr. Jensen Invited To ACS Meeting

Dr. Fred W. Jensen, head of the Chemistry Department, has been invited to participate in a round table discussion at the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society at Cleveland on April 11th.

Jensen is also invited to discuss his high frequency method of chemical analysis that he conceived with the aid of A. L. Parrack of the Engineering Experiment Station.

First publication of the new method was made in 1949 and since, because of its flexibility and unique characteristics, has come into widespread use in many industries.

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