

The Reluctant Dragon . . .

THE COUNTRY is sharply divided on the question of MacArthur's dismissal, but the opinions whether right or wrong are not well founded in fact.

The first of these is the fact that our Constitution, law of the land, U. N. objectives, and foreign policy are not "absolutes" handed down from heaven.

The second fact is that our knowledge of Soviet objectives should dictate our overall policy—not money, political party affiliations, personalities, foreign countries, or obsolete rules and ideas.

Only Time Will Tell . . .

IN THE Truman-MacArthur conflict, the edge in public opinion seems to favor MacArthur.

Most of these opinions stem from the comparison of personalities, rather than from the obscure facts in the breach of diplomacy.

Of the two, MacArthur has access to more facts from which to draw conclusions. His personal brilliance and integrity in the past are a matter of legend, and his rank and prestige are an indication of his sense of duty.

President Truman, on the other hand, can be compared with MacArthur only by virtue

MacArthur Controversy

Which Shall be First? Civilian or Military?

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, April 13—AP—Here are a few main points to keep in mind before the uproar and confusion over the firing of General MacArthur get worse, which they will.

A lot of hot stuff already has been thrown into the steaming pot and, when heatedly stirred, won't make for clarity of thought: strategy, civilian control over military commanders, emotions, and politics.

But first there's the talk in Congress of impeaching President Truman for firing the General. At this point it comes only from Republicans and is apparently strictly sound effect stuff.

One of the most powerful Republican senators told a reporter it was said more to "scare" Mr. Truman than anything else. He pointed out it probably would be impossible to do.

On a question like that, he said, the Democrats and Republicans would be likely to split along party lines and, since the Democrats are in a majority, the Republicans couldn't win.

Strategy—Several months ago Mr. Truman said that, with Asia mostly Communist now, we'd be alone in the world if we lost our allies in Western Europe through attack by Russia.

To prepare against such an attack, since Russia is looked upon as the main enemy, this country and its European allies are trying to build their defenses. This may take several years.

To avoid wasting lives and material in Asia, this country and its allies are trying to reach a settlement with China in Korea. The Truman administration thinks this may be done if the fighting can be limited to Korea.

General MacArthur had been ordered to limit the fighting to Korea. He wanted to make all-out war on the Chinese Communists instead of just fighting them in Korea.

He wanted to bomb Manchuria, which belongs to China and adjoins Korea, since it's through Manchuria that the Communist pour men and supplies into the Korean fighting.

Further, he wanted to use Chiang Kai-Shek's anti-Communist troops on Formosa for an invasion of China proper, thus forcing the Communists to fight on a second front.

But if China's Manchuria was attacked and Chiang got into the fight, we'd be in all-out war with China and there'd be no hope of peace in Asia.

Also it would require great forces of men and supplies which otherwise could be used in Europe. More than that, Russia might not only come to China's assistance in Asia but might also attack in Europe before our allies there were ready.

In short, the Truman administration viewpoint and policy go like this: So long as we don't get into a general war anywhere, a general war may be avoided.

General MacArthur's view was this: At the rate we're going in Korea, the fighting there may go on endlessly, without any peace anyway; better to try to smash China once for all.

Civilian control over military commanders—If MacArthur had thought all that, but followed orders and kept his views to himself, there would have been no dispute. Instead, he made his views public. More, he defied orders to keep his mouth shut.

This Truman peace was that the Truman peace tougher to achieve in Asia with China, was spreading confusion among our European allies, and was outright defiance by a military man of civilian policy.

This country is based on the principle that the civilian leaders are supreme and that military leaders must take orders from them. Mr. Truman looked upon MacArthur's defiance as a defiance of that principle.

It brought up the basic question: "Who's boss, the President or the General?" Mr. Truman decided it by firing MacArthur.

From the City Desk

More Annexation; Who's Sorry Now?

... By Joel Austin

WHO SAID the business between Bryan and College Station was all wound up?

From the way things started popping yesterday, it looks as though there will be a lot more to come from both groups.

The city council's surprise action yesterday afternoon in annexing property adjoining the Beverley Estates (now a part of Bryan) was the spark that set off a chain reaction which is sure to follow.

We believe this action by the Council was College Station's bid in this little annexation battle between the two cities, to grab as much property as possible while the grabbin' is good.

College Station is working with a handicap, however, in that it is organized under the general law government which requires residents of the property to be annexed to present a petition asking to become a part of the city.

Bryan, on the other hand, has its own home rule charter which permits its city leaders to take property, without the consent of the people living thereon—if they so desire.

Bryan Should Be Quite Angry

Getting back to the local Council's actions yesterday, it looks as though Bryan is going to be just a little hot under the collar when they review the facts behind the annexation of this East side territory.

In the contract signed between College Station and Bryan and the Rural Electrification Administration for the electric facilities in College Hills recently, there was a clause which stated that Bryan-REA could not sell power anywhere in the City of College Station.

If Bryan-REA refuses to sell the lines, they cannot collect for any power consumed by people living there, if our interpretation of the rule is correct.

From what we can observe, there is only one thing that remains for Bryan and the REA to do about the matter—sell the lines or have them paralleled by College Station.

Other Places to Be Annexed

With this thought in mind, we shift our thought to other areas surrounding the city. There is still that plot of land belonging to J. C. Culpepper which is included in the old Tauber property that hasn't been annexed by either city.

Someone is going to get their hands on this area—and quick. If College Station can secure it and prevent Bryan from pushing their limits almost into the North Gate area, then the war will at least be settled in our favor for the time being.

There are rumors that Bryan would like to take a plot of land which would completely circle College Station. If they do go ahead with such action, it could curtail any hopes on the part of College Station for expanding ever again—that is, as far as our knowledge of the legal technicalities in the matter are concerned.

Associated Press Reports

News of the incident yesterday was echoed throughout the state in a "brite" originating from Associated Press headquarters in Dallas.

The release read as follows: College Station, April 12—(AP)—Bryan and College Station already were close together. Now their limits are jam up.

It happened this way. Bryan commissioners set a meeting for tomorrow reportedly to annex property which would joint the two cities.

College Station's City Council got wind of it. In a hastily called meeting today, College Station annexed the property, beat Bryan to the draw.

The cities were joined, though not exactly where Bryan city leaders had planned.

RS Club to Attend Social Workshop

The Rural Sociology Club will go to Houston, today, to attend the 1951 Social Work Student Roundup.

The program for Friday will consist of: Round Table Discussion on "What Do Social Workers Do?" Specialists will participate in the program and the discussion of: Family Case Work, Child Welfare, Medical Social Work, Psychiatric Social Work, Public Assistance and Group Work.

Students will visit the agency in which they are interested, for "Individual Consultation" with specialists in that field.

The program will end with a discussion and films on "Social Work In Practice."

Roesner to Head Texas Ag Council

George Roesner, farm and ranch editor of radio station KTRH, Houston, was elected chairman of the Texas Commercial Agriculturist Council here yesterday.

The council includes representatives of business and industrial concerns who work on agricultural relations.

What's Cooking

AG JOURNALISM CLUB, Friday, 7:15 p. m. Agriculturist office. Plans for Open House will be discussed.

AGRICULTURIST STAFF meeting, Friday, 8 p. m. Room 207, Goodwin Hall.

HILLEL CLUB, Friday, 7:15 p. m. YMCA Chapel.

Bible Verse

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. —Proverbs 10:7.



Letters to The Editor

The Batt Shouldn't Take Sides at A&M

Editor, The Battalion: This letter is a little late to counteract the well-organized and rapidly executed plan to exchange the name of our Student Senate President to President of the Student Body.

However, I do want to say that I am in complete agreement with the letter that appeared in Wednesday evening's Batt. (I refer to the letter by Rollins, Flukinger, and Rogers.)

It is impossible to know this early, how the majority of the students will react, but those whom I have heard express an opinion feel much the same as I.

Let it not be thought that I am opposed to progress! But let it be said, rather, that I am opposed to this change, which would surely lower the prestige carried by the positions of President of the Senior Class and the Cadet Colonel of the Corps.

Election by the entire student body would be an improvement, perhaps. But the name change, the idea upsets me!

I would also like to issue with the editors on another point concerning this issue. That is, the use of the word UNFORTUNATELY in describing the majority necessary for an amendment to pass to Student Life Committee.

In this instance I believe we are FORTUNATE that the Constitution of the Student Senate reads as it does. Otherwise the Student Body might have had this change thrust upon them without the opportunity to put it to popular vote.

I realize it is the responsibility of the Senate to make most of the decisions concerning day to day campus affairs. But surely that group is not so representative that they can change such as this one, that is a change that is truly representative of the students feelings, by a simple majority.

I would refer you to the Constitution of the United States which requires that amendments be acceptable to at least three-fourths of the state legislatures before they become law.

L. T. (Ted) McBeth

'Not Opposed To Progress'

Editor, The Battalion: This letter would probably not be published if it were not addressed to the editors, but it is really not addressed to them anyway. It is addressed to the readers of The Battalion, with the hopes that the editors read the "Letters to the Editor" column.

The Battalion is A&M's newspaper, not the editors! But a look at the editorial column in Wednesday night's edition would have most people believe otherwise. Why don't the editors go ahead and cast the vote that they choose, and let the readers of The Battalion use their own judgment and make their own decisions in their approval or disapproval of issues? The editors certainly believe in "the power of the press!"

Most newspapers, magazines, and various other editorials are pro-Democrat, pro-Republican, or pro-this-or-that, but there is always an opposing view-point given by some other publication which covers the same area; that is, in a two-newspaper town, there is usually a pro-Democratic and a pro-Republican newspaper. Such is NOT the case in College Station.

It is my opinion that, unless the editors split and form their own newspapers, one being pro and the other con, The Battalion should be only informative in nature, urge participation in elections, and refrain from trying to "put words" in the mouths of their readers. Or, if there must be a pro, let there be a con.

Let's not make this a one-sided affair!!

Robert E. (Rip) Martin '51

Legalized Gambling Is Not the Answer

Editor, The Battalion: Your editorial in Monday's issue of The Battalion entitled "Make Gambling Pay Off for People" proposed the often used adage, "If you can't lick it, joint it," as a solution to the gambling problem.

This solution has often been presented by the advocates of a national lottery or other forms of legalized gambling, and their arguments sound very convincing on the surface, just as any evil looks appealing at the first glance.

Legalized gambling can never be made to "pay off" except in the increase of criminal activities. By legalizing this natural breeder of vice and immorality, the taxpayer might be able to keep a few more pennies in his pocket (though in these times I doubt it), but in return he will have a weaker governmental structure. No government can long stand if it must depend upon public vice for its support.

A citizen participates in the government because he contributes to its support, and it is certain that organized gambling would demand that same right.

We have been shocked by the widespread dishonesty among our public officials. Immorality has become a national by-word. Surely we cannot expect to eliminate this by incorporating another of its kind.

There is a need of controlling organized gambling, but legalizing it is not the answer.

Allan Eubank '50

Advertisement for Parker Flammaire mixer. Features: 6 MONTHS OF LIGHTS—WITHOUT RE-FUELING! NO FOOLING WITH RE-FUELING • NO FIDDLING WITH WICKS • NO FUSSING WITH FLINTS. New PARKER FLAMMAIRE. Get Your PARKER FLAMMAIRE at THE EXCHANGE STORE "Serving Texas Aggies"

Advertisement for Sunbeam Mixmaster. Features: The Sensational NEW Sunbeam MODEL 10 AUTOMATIC MIXMASTER. Better Mixing... Greater Aeration—Lighter, Higher, Finer-Textured Cakes. Only the new Model 10 Mixmaster gives you NEW, LARGER BOWL-FIT BEATERS mixed to fit both side and bottom of bowl. C. E. GRIESSER IS DEMONSTRATING. Loupot's Trading Post—Agents.

The Battalion

Staff list for The Battalion. Includes names like Clayton L. Selph, Dave Coslett, John Whitmore, Dean Reed, Andy Anderson, Bob Hughson, Fred Walker, Joel Austin, Vivian Castleberry, etc.

L'il Abner comic strip panel 1. Two Heads That Beat As One. AH IS JEST IN TIME T'SAVE AMERICAN GIRLHOOD FUM TWO HORRIBLE DISASTERS - NAMELY YO' TOW? PUT THEM GAL PITCHERS BACK!!

L'il Abner comic strip panel 2. Everybody Gets Into The Act. AH DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HIT ME - WERE IT A TRUCK? AH DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HIT ME - WERE IT A TRUCK? AH DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HIT ME - WERE IT A TRUCK?

L'il Abner comic strip panel 3. What's Cooking. I CAN REPRODUCE ANY OF THESE. MAYBE MR. FACES ON YOUR - WHICH ONE? I'LL HELP ME. MAKE UP YOUR MIND? I-I CAN'T! MAYBE MR. FACES ON YOUR - WHICH ONE? I'LL HELP ME. MAKE UP YOUR MIND?

L'il Abner comic strip panel 4. Bible Verse. AND THAT'S THE LAST DAY ANYBODY CAN MAIL A PACER TO THIS BATTLE. IF IT'S POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THAT DAY IT'LL BE ELIGIBLE. AND THAT'S THE LAST DAY ANYBODY CAN MAIL A PACER TO THIS BATTLE. IF IT'S POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THAT DAY IT'LL BE ELIGIBLE.