

Reds in Middle East, Too?

BOTH PARTIES involved in the Israel-Syria border dispute have drawn a sharp State Department rebuke. Steps were also taken to prevent a new Arab-Jew battle in a dispute that is far from settled.

Uncensored facts on Middle East affairs are rather difficult to obtain, but the tension in this area is one fact that is common knowledge. These disputes are like the Korean police action in that they are manifestations of deep seated conflicts.

There is no surface evidence that there is any Communist influence in this particular

Interest Usually Gets Results

THE Texas Senate, for some strange reason, has done a quick about-face on the "anti-punchboard bill". By a 25-0 vote, Senator George Nokes' bill has been accepted for consideration.

The bill makes possession, storage, sale, or exhibit of punchboards a misdemeanor carrying a possible penalty of one year in jail, or a fine up to \$1,000.

Without this law, operators of slot machines could switch to punchboards—assuming that present anti-slot machine legislation is passed. Nokes introduced the bill after such action was recommended by District and County Attorneys as a part of the war on organized crime, sponsored by the Attor-

Dangers of Appeasement

'Peace at Any Price' Idea Poor Goal for Anti-Reds

By DEWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

THE GRAVEST danger which the democracies face in the conflict with Bolshevism is, as I see it, political rather than military.

That is the danger of trying to achieve peace by appeasement.

Maybe your columnist is a bit hipped on the subject of appeasement. If so his excuse is that as an observer he had the harrowing experience of following Britain's Prime Minister Chamberlain through the latter's fatal efforts to appease Hitler.

Force for Bullies

You can't appease an aggressor. There is only one thing a bully understands, and that is force or a threat of force.

So far as America is concerned, we have the assurance which President Truman gave in his broadcast April 11, explaining the MacArthur dismissal. Referring to the Korean war the chief executive said:

"We are ready at any time to negotiate for a restoration of peace in the area. But we will not en-

gage in appeasement. We are only interested in real peace."

That is a categorical statement: The United States will have no part in trying to avoid trouble by appeasement.

However, there are other countries which are not so fortunately situated as our own. They are Asiatic countries which lie in the path of Bolshevik aggression, or Western nations which have territorial interests in the Far East.

The Russo-Chinese alliance makes a powerful combination which towers over the rest of Asia like a colossus. It is a power which a neighboring country—like India, for example—cannot regard lightly. And it is a power which a Western nation like Britain, with important Asiatic colonial interests, cannot treat cavalierly.

Red Recognition Not Strange

Thus it perhaps isn't strange to see Britain and India recognizing the Chinese Communist government which is waging war against democracy.

One doesn't hold these recognitions up as striking examples, but

Huleh border area, but "war makes strange bedfellows" as the saying goes. American equipment was and probably still is being used by the Jews. Regardless of legal ownership technicalities, this is usually interpreted by Arabs and other anti-Jewish elements as direct United States support of Israel.

We cannot, for this reason, dismiss the possibility that these anti-Jewish elements would be amenable to Russian assistance. A powerful ally would in their opinion make the Arab-Jew issue a fair fight. In other words, there is a distinct possibility of a collective "anti-foreign" challenge in the Middle East not unlike that which we now face in Asia.

ney General.

Along with this constructive action, there are dark rumors that it may reflect discredit on the House. Harris County private clubs have presumably been "shaken down" by a member of the House. This member is alleged to have requested a donation of \$25 per machine in return for his influence in preventing the passage of the anti-slot machine bill.

We re-affirm our belief that expressions of individual voters should help to forge a legal weapon for law enforcement officers. It should not be necessary for churches to use their funds to outbid gamblers in the purchase of "influence".

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FROM A LITTLE ACORN GROWS A MIGHTY HOAX



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Battalion, Home of Warped Minds

Editor, The Battalion: For the nearly four years we have attended A&M, we have grown more and more amused at the operations of The Battalion. Obviously, it is written as a farce to be taken lightly, with tongue in cheek.

This past year, however, has been little short of hilarious. It has been inevitably true that when something was definitely right The Battalion earnestly declared it otherwise, and vice-versa. For instance, the movie reviews were quite funny. If one read The Battalion and went to the shows it declared terrible, one always saw a good movie.

This system was infallible. The run-down of "Samson and Delilah" was particularly amusing. It amazed us to see that a student here actually had the gall to publicly admit his stupidity by saying such things about so magnificent a production.

Another sure laugh-provoker is the unceasing effort of The Battalion staff to show the shortcomings of the entire world and how they should be remedied. We have to admit it is quite a joke, though a sordid one, to have students who cannot even make passing grades and graduate with their classmates finding fault with our top government officials and diplomats who had thirty-odd years of experience.

It is truly a pity there are no rational beings with The Battalion but we presume the shame connected with it has grown so great no one with any ability will take the step.

As a classic example to prove our point, we quote the second line of Thomas M. Fontaine's column in the April 12 edition.

"If, unfortunately, you are one of those not uncommon college-educated illiterates—go on to Lil' Abner."

That is the best advice ever given out by The Battalion. True, his column might have afforded a few laughs, but actually would not have been worth the time spent to read it (typical of all Battalion editorials), while Lil' Abner is much funnier. As for the illiterate part, that really is a joke. Just why is it taking you so long to graduate, Tommy?

The only logical remedy to this sad situation is to persuade someone with an unwarped mind and without the weight of the world on his shoulders to become Battalion editor. Until that time, however, we shall go on doing as we have in the past—using The Battalion largely for sink wipers and out-house equipment.

John S. Park '51
Phocin R. Knox, '51

Batt, Senate Wrong

Editor, The Battalion:

An "opinion poll" of a goodly number of the residents of Mitchell, Milner, and Hart Halls was taken by this individual Thursday night. The consensus of opinion is that the election committee of the Student Senate has one helluva lot of nerve in arbitrarily killing our vote on the question of having a Student Body President.

Since when has it been the privilege of any election committee to decide AFTER the election that the results should be thrown out because the electorate was not properly informed on the issue?

I was under the impression that, in the United States since 1776, the post-election duties of an election committee were to (1) ascertain the correctness of each individual ballot, (2) count the votes, (3) record the vote, and (4) to report the results of the election.

As to your elaborately-explained contention that this is NOT an election, but an opinion poll I quote you the announcement which appeared on the front page of The Battalion on Wednesday, April 11, 1951.

"Referendum Vote Scheduled Tonight." "The question of whether or not A&M will have a Student Body President will be decided tonight in a campus-wide election. The ballots will be distributed through the first sergeants and dormitory senators."

"The President of the Student Body would automatically become the President of the Student Senate, if the proposal passes." Unquote!!

Bible Verse

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. —Matthew 5:16.

'End of an Era'

Silent Jap Crowds Watch Mac Depart

By OLEN CLEMENTS

TOKYO, Monday, April 16—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur started the long journey home today with a hero's farewell from the Japanese to whom he came as a conqueror five years and seven months ago.

From the moment he left home in the American Embassy at 6:28 a. m. until his slivery Constellation, the "Bataan" took off at 7:21 a. m. (5:21 p. m. EST Sunday), the general's departure was a brilliant pageant.

It was replete with military pomp and protocol, with honor guards and blaring bands, swishing jet planes, saluting officers and cheering, bowing and gaping Japanese by the hundreds and hundreds of thousands.

The 71-year old soldier statesman was relieved from all his command April 11 by President Truman because of a disagreement over how to fight the Korean war and how to contain Communist aggression in the Far East.

Now he is homeward bound, to great public welcomes in Honolulu, San Francisco and New York, and probably to address a joint session of Congress on his policy views. He reached Honolulu about midnight Sunday, Honolulu time (5 a. m. Monday, EST), but the remainder of his schedule was not definite as to time.

Since the dismissal, MacArthur had kept himself secluded from the

public until this morning, when he took his place in a waiting black limousine beside his devoted wife, Jean, and 13-year-old son, Arthur.

Stiffly erect and without a flicker, he saluted the 30-man honor guard representing all branches of the U. S. armed forces as his car rolled from the embassy grounds onto the rutted, Tokyo streets where an estimated 500,000 to 1,000,000 Japanese awaited.

His staff members and domestic staff who accompanied him followed in six other cars while 10,000 Japanese police lined the processional route—not for security, they said, but as a goodbye tribute to the man who has been their acting emperor since Sept. 2, 1945.

One braided cap American officer standing in the line along streets quoted freely from Shakespeare's Othello as the limousine sped by:

"The Moor has done his work, now the Moor must go."

Notables At Airport

At Haneeda Airport, the occupation hierarchy was assembled. Wives lined one side of the runway. The military, the diplomats and Japanese officials were arrayed in strict order of precedence.

The general arrived at the airport at 6:55 a. m., right on time. The solemnly spaced boom of 19-guns roared in salute.

The general's pilot, Lt. Col. Anthony Story, opened the door of his limousine as it halted.

The general was the first out. He graciously helped his wife and son from the machine.

Ridgway Says Goodbye

MacArthur's successor, Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway stepped forward and saluted.

As MacArthur's aide had predicted, it was MacArthur's finest hour in a life that has known many fine ones.

The wind was a bit heavy and it was cold. The general's breath was frosty.

An honor guard lined the way to the airport.

Inspects Honor Guard

MacArthur, old soldier that he is inspected it.

Diplomats, his staff, members of the Japanese Diet, all were impressed with MacArthur's bearing and presence. He took care to shake each by the hand.

The sun broke through the clouds as the general strode into the field.

He appeared in a hurry to leave. As he walked the 100-yards to his plane, a military band played "The General's March."

Mrs. MacArthur preceded him to the plane. Her progress was rapid that she outdistanced him.

She stopped and asked an aide: "Have I lost the general?" Then she spotted her husband 25 feet behind, laughed and continued to the Bataan.

At the top of the plane ramp (See POLICE SALUTE, Page 1)

Advertisement for Humble Esso Extra Motor Oil and Gasoline. Features a large illustration of a car on a road, with the slogan 'The Best of Everything!' and '...no gasoline with the extra qualities of Texas' own'. Includes a can of Esso Extra Motor Oil and the text 'This is the best motor oil you can buy.'

Humorous cartoon strip titled 'By Al Capp'. The first panel shows a man saying 'I'M ON MY WAY TO DOGRATCH TO PICK THE SWEETEST-LOOKING GIRL IN AMERICA!'. The second panel shows him saying 'AREN'T YOU AL CAPP? I RECOGNIZE YOU, IN SPITE OF THE PICTURES YOU DRAW OF YOURSELF. I MUST SAY YOU'RE SOMEWHAT FATTER AND OLDER THAN YOU LEAD PEOPLE TO THINK'. The third panel shows him saying 'WELL—YOU KNOW HOW IT IS. ARTISTIC LICENSE—HEH! HEH!'. The fourth panel shows him saying 'I NEVER READ COMIC STRIPS, MYSELF—IN FACT, I THINK ANYONE WHO DOES IS A MORON. MY WIFE IS A GREAT FAN OF YOURS'. The fifth panel shows him saying 'SHE'S WAITING FOR ME AT THE NEXT STATION. THE TRAIN STOPS THERE THREE MINUTES. HOP OFF AND MEET HER. IT'LL BE A GREAT THRILL FOR HER. POOR SOUL!'.