

Eeny, Meeny, Miney, Moe...

STUDENTS once more get to practice one of the most cherished of democratic rights during the coming two weeks.

The privilege of voting has been paraded before citizens and students, too, for many years—since they were first old enough to know what a vote was.

The negligence in these duties can be laid to many factors. Voters are prejudiced . . . they're misinformed . . . they're not informed . . . they're too lazy to become informed.

The most distinctive characteristics of the American have always been a deep pride in what he considers his inalienable rights and a deep distaste for leisure and wanton laziness.

Why, then, do students and citizens constantly display this laziness when it comes to the performance of one of their dearest rights?

The duties of a voter are these: Know the qualifications of the candidates for whom you are voting.

Base your judgment of the candidates on these qualifications—not on popularity or biased party (in our case, outfit) ideas.

Then, be sure you vote. When you have fulfilled these duties of an intelligent voter and have helped to see that others follow your example, you'll have earned the right to criticize the actions of YOUR elected representatives.

Story in the Waterbury (Conn.) Republican: "President Truman is considering ordering all-out mobilization because of the Korean girls." (A later edition changed "girls" to "crisis.")

Contrary to most shining examples, it is possible for an individual to be healthy, wealthy and wise.

From Differences Arise New Policies

BOTH Democrats and Republicans seem to agree that the public should have the facts on foreign and military policies.

Senator McFarland (D-Ariz) doesn't care about the method as long as the people get the facts. Senators McMahon (D-Conn.), Kerr (D-Okla.), and Gillette (D-Iowa), on the other hand, fear that the Democratic defense may take the form of an attack on the Republican-MacArthur theory that Asia is the key battleground.

The wide breach between MacArthur and those who subscribe to the theory that Europe holds the key indicates possible merit on both sides.

This divergence of thought could and should lead to the creation of a new foreign policy which will include all facts that are brought to light.

That MacArthur would oppose Truman, Marshall, Bradley, and Churchill without any basis in fact is almost preposterous.

Any author can tell you that writing is easy. The hard job is to get somebody to read the stuff.

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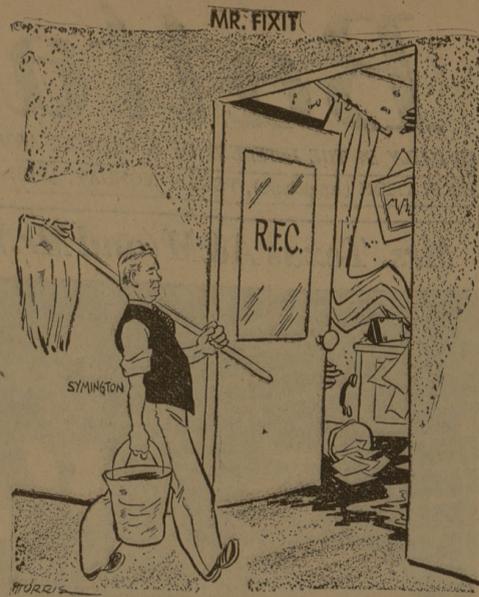
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Van Fleet Sees Red Push Tuesday On 'Vital' Seoul

Editors Note: Frank H. King, Associated Press general executive for the Southwest Headquarters in Dallas, is in the Far East on special assignment. This is his first report from the Korean front.

By FRANK H. KING

U. S. EIGHTH Army Headquarters, Korea, April 29.—(AP)—United Nations forces will stand in battle before Seoul and try to annihilate the human sea of Chinese Communists north of the Han River.

Already, the Eighth Army Commander said, the Reds have suffered an estimated 70,000 casualties in their current offensive and have been thwarted in their aim of scoring a victory by May Day, the worldwide Communist holiday.

Another big Red push may be expected by Tuesday, he forecast. Van Fleet issued a formal statement and also held a news conference after spending most of the past week inspecting the front.

He said the defense before Seoul was not due to any military value of the city but because it has some prestige as the historic capital of Korea.

'Vital and Strategic'

At the same time he said the Seoul area and the line of the Han River, which flows just south of Seoul, were "vital and strategic."

It can be stated with authority, however, that American and other United Nations forces will not be sacrificed unnecessarily.

TEES Training 129 In Various Classes

One hundred and twenty-nine municipal employees of 24 Texas towns and cities are enrolled in training classes being conducted by field instructors for the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

C. A. Sanders is conducting Unit I of the Water Works Operation and Maintenance course in Odessa for fifty-five water plant operators from Stanton, Wink, Odessa, Midland, Monahans, Crane, Andrews, Lamesa, Wickett, Goldsmith, Emperal, Pyote and Grand Falls.

W. A. Bandy is giving Unit I in Abilene for 18 water plant operators from Baird, Merkel, Abilene and Clyde.

Fire marshals and firemen from Jefferson, New Boston, Maud, Wake Village, Texarkana and Atlanta are enrolled in a course in Fire Marshal Operations being conducted by A. J. Fogaley in Texarkana.

Wallace D. Beasley is conducting basic police training for 19 local policemen in Sweetwater.

Sgt. John Tenery Joins AF Group

M/Sgt. John W. Tenery has recently joined the Air Force Detachment here.

Tenery came here from Walters AFB, Mineral Wells. He entered military service in June, 1941, at Kelly AFB on duty with the 15th Air Force.

He served overseas with the 15th from December, 1943 to July, 1945 when he returned to a civilian job of managing a department store.

While overseas he saw action in Italy, Africa and France. He was recalled to active duty in August of last year. Sgt. and Mrs. Tenery and their children, Nancy Ann, John Jr., and Michael live at Second and Cherry Street in College Station.

Bible Verse

THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. —Psalms 97:1

'Steel in Their Eyes'

Silent, Weary GI's Slog Toward South

(Editor's Note: The following dispatch was relayed to the Associated Press in Washington from Korea by the State Department. It confirms withdrawal of some allied troops to Hongchun, 15 air miles southeast of the hub city of Chunchon on South Korea. Loss of Chunchon was acknowledged only yesterday.)

By JIM BECKER

CENTRAL FRONT, Korea, April 29.—(AP)—There was almost no sound as they plodded. Just the steady plump, plump, plump of boots being planted in the dust, raised and planted again.

They were a pitiful sight but there was also grandeur in those dragging steps, and there was steel in their eyes.

It takes about three minutes for a jet plane to streak from Hwachon to Hongchun. Even on roads so crammed

with dust that vehicles use headlights in the daytime, a truck can make the trip in half a day.

It took these foot soldiers four days to slog over the torturous mountain trail that leads from the one battered collection of mud huts to the other.

The troops took six hours out to sleep and another night to fight. The rest of the time they walked. The Marines were indescribably filthy because there has been no time to wash. They were unshaven and unkempt. Their clothes were caked with mud.

One night it had rained. Mixed with the sharp odor of days old sweat was the musty stench of wool that has been soaked and then not quite dried.

They walked up roads that would have tried a mountain goat, under loads that would have staggered a piano mover.

They did not know why they were walking south because they

knew they had not been beaten. Some had beard stubble that their flanks had given way and that was why they were heading the wrong way.

Whatever the reason they did not like it. Most of the men stared at the packs of the man in front—at the raincoats and sleeping bag and entrenching tool and grenades and weapons of the man ahead.

They were bent under their burdens. Sweat streamed freely from their faces and mingled with the dirt and black beard stubble to form filthy droplets.

But the things you noticed most were the eyes. There was steel in them and there was nothing phony about it. It was the hardness of men who have lived with death and watched their friends fall bleeding to the ground.

And as I looked into their eyes I thought they said: (See WEARY GI's, Page 4)



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