

'God, Give Us Men!' . . .

GOD, give us men! A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue

And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large profession and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps.

—Josiah Gilbert Holland

Austin Declares 'No Policy Vacuum'

AMERICAN Delegate, Warren R. Austin has brought the U. N. back into the limelight. This makes the present conflict a three cornered affair—Truman, MacArthur, and Austin.

Austin took offense to MacArthur's "policy vacuum" statement, and his recent speech to the Grand Lodge of the Chinese Communists on the side of the North Koreans.

Austin said that the contributions of the members of the U. N. have not been poured into a "policy vacuum." He added, "the policy of the U. N. in regard to Korea is clear, positive and consistent." Here is his summary of the U. N. objectives:

Militarily—The objective is to repel the aggression and restore international peace and security in the area.

Politically—The objective is to establish a unified, independent and democratic government in the sovereign state of Korea.

If these issues involving the U. N., State Department, and General MacArthur can be reconciled, the unity of the West will be enhanced. For the present, however, we should prepare to get to the root of the trouble by force if diplomacy continues to fail.

A war may be required to get a worldwide majority opinion in favor of peace.

Needed: Loyalty Meter

WE HEAR quite a bit about Communists today, but we have to define "Communist" before we can legitimately tie this label on suspected individuals. In addition, the Supreme Court is now insisting that said suspects be given an opportunity to make a statement.

This problem came up when President Truman created the Government Loyalty Program by executive order in March of 1947. Membership in any so-called "subversive" organization was almost a certain cause for dismissal. Actually, 308 employees have been fired under this order, and 3,103 left of their own accord while under investigation. Justices Douglas and Black have ruled that this entire program is unconstitutional.

The government now lists about 159 organizations as "subversive" without due process of law. Three accused organizations appealed to the Courts, and were turned down. The Supreme Court, however, has ruled that they are entitled to a hearing.

We can only echo Justice Douglas' opinion that the issue is "one of the gravest of our generation."

LETTERS

All letters to the editor must be signed by the writer and free from obscene and libelous references. Letter writers wanting their name withheld must make a personal request to the co-editors. No unsigned letters will be published.

What and Why Is a Poet?

By DANNY CHITWOOD
(A Reader Contribution)

POETS can be roughly (I mean gently) divided into two kinds: Male and Female. They can be easily distinguished from each other because the male wears his hair long and the female wears hers short. During his working hours and I use the word working loosely a poet is usually found out in the woods communing with nature. There, regardless of the season, he is writing a poem on Spring. Science has not yet been able to determine

How old a poet must be before the Spring goes out of him. Poets often grow up and marry the same as human beings. They are quite docile in matrimony and can stand heat, cold, and privation. In fact, they can stand almost anything except an attack upon one of their poems.

A poet or poetess, however, has a great advantage over the rest of the world. In the matter of marriage, it is simply impossible for one of them to make a really unhappy marriage.

For example, if they don't get along, he suffers. And no one can haul off and suffer like a poet. Nor enjoy it more. The more he suffers the better poetry he writes, and as he finds himself becoming a better poet, he's happy.

So he's happy in either case. Female poets should marry bricklayers, plumbers, and iron-molders.

Male poets should marry lady bricklayers, plumbers, and iron-molders.

This is in order to assure them of at least one or two meals a day. If a poet and a poetess marry, the two simply

"Walk away into the sunset" and quietly starve to death. A case of such starvation, recently reported in the press, told how the young couple, in their final desperate efforts to get food out of anything, had spent their last hours trying to split an infinitive.

To those extroverts who feel the poets have no place in the busy, matter-of-fact world of today, I say:

"Fie, on you!" If it were not for poets, how would we know about the birds and bees? And then what would we tell our children

When they ask those embarrassing questions? And if it were not for poets, how in the world would we know when it was Spring?

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To the Student Body: We have just listened to the A&M Muster Program. It was inspirational. A&M has a heritage of which you boys are justly proud. We are proud that Texas has such a college.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Holloman
Dallas, Texas

Keep Six Pups; Begin Tradition

Editor, The Battalion: Keep the six orphan pups at A&M. Give them the distinction of being the only coeds in the school.

The legend of Reveille began in much the same way. Perhaps here we have begun another.

James R. Schwenke '49
Houston

Bible Verse

THEN spake Jesus again unto them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."
—John 8:12

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MacArthur-Truman Fight

Records at Wake Released

WASHINGTON, May 3 —(AP)—The MacArthur-Truman dispute blew wide open again yesterday with the release of a secret report on the Wake Island meeting and a Republican drive to force an open hearing for General MacArthur's explanation of his Asian policies.

Developments came in rapid order. GOP senators fought to strip the secrecy from MacArthur's briefings today before the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees. Democrats tried to block the Republican move and keep the hearing behind closed doors.

A report from the joint chiefs of staff quoted MacArthur as telling President Truman last

October at Wake Island he did not believe the Chinese Reds would enter the Korean War. The general also was represented as saying Russia had no ground troops available for Korea but could put 100 planes into combat.

The secret report was released by the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees. It was labeled as the "substance of statements made at Wake Island conference." MacArthur also was quoted as saying "no commander in the history of war ever had more complete and adequate support from all agencies in Washington than I have."

A story telling about the report was published recently by the New York Times. Senator Russell (D-Ga.), who is presiding at today's

hearing subsequently asked for the report and requested Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to tell how it was compiled.

Gen. MacArthur had said no stenographic record was made of the Wake Island conference, but Bradley said a stenographer in an adjoining room took down part of the conversation. Other parts of the report, he said, were based on longhand notes made by officials who participated in the conference.

Bradley—who was at Wake—said five copies of the report were sent to MacArthur 12 days after the Wake meeting.

Bradley said in a letter to Russell: "To my knowledge, since that time we have received no information from General MacArthur or his headquarters that would indicate any non-concurrence with the record of the conference."

Before this, Secretary of State Acheson stoutly backed the Administration's defense moves in pre-war Korea. He asserted the government had carried out all but one of the recommendations made in 1947 by Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer.

This single exception, he said, was the creation of a South Korean Scout force staffed with American officers. Instead, a U. S. military mission helped the South Koreans set up their own force.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, Senate Republican leader, said, however: "The administration policy seems to be just the opposite of the Wedemeyer report and that report seems to conform pretty well with the recommendations of MacArthur."

Senator Bridges (R-NH) said that if Wedemeyer's recommendations "for arming South Koreans had been followed it is extremely unlikely that American boys would be dying in Korea today."

Groneman Selected As Awards Judge

Chris H. Groneman, head of Industrial Education, has been invited by Ford Motor Company to serve as one of eight members to set up a national judging criteria for the Ford Motor Company Industrial Arts Awards Program.

The group will meet at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City on May 2nd, at which time a system of rating will be determined to cover the areas of woodworking, drafting, architectural drawing, art metal, plastic, printing, electricity and radio.

While in New York, Dr. Groneman will also attend the annual conference of the American Industrial Arts Association which convenes throughout the week.

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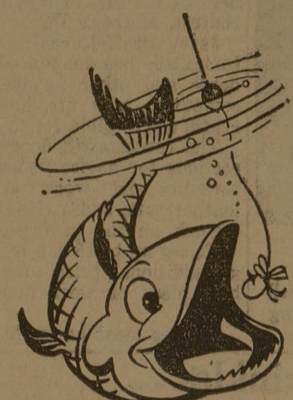


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