

Battalion Editorials

Page 2

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1951

Efficient Security . . .

ADVOCATES of more legislative support. Generals MacArthur and Eisenhower have been described as the leading military proponents of this form of security, and their opinions are going to show up in the form of increased appropriations.

The lessons of Korea have shown that World War II planes are definitely on the way out. Demand for new and faster jet bombers has caused a change in the production methods for the Boeing B-47. Certain models will be frozen in "blocks" to make specific numbers of a given type available. Further modification and improvement will then take place between these production blocks or groups of planes.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the simple "git there fustest with the mostest" axiom of warfare is still fundamental. The virtually unlimited manpower of the Communist world means that local superiority can be gained at any chosen point of aggression. To oppose Russia with relatively immobile ground and sea forces spread thinly around the world is futile from the start.

Airpower, on the other hand, can quickly bring opposing force to bear on any area chosen by the enemy. This can be in the form of men, material, direct firepower, indirect or strategic firepower, and the many types

of interdiction that isolate the area of enemy operation.

Essentially, airpower means more "fighting power" of all kinds for each taxpayer's dollar. This efficiency may prevent the dire consequences of a war of "economic attrition" which might result from a standing army on a man-to-man basis.

Civilian Defense Status Pitiful

CIVILIAN defense is like military preparedness—it is a complete success if it never has to function. With modern radar warning nets, it is possible that our vulnerable cities would have enough time to take precautions that would greatly reduce casualties.

At present, however, a one hour warning in most places would in itself cause enough panic casualties to make a bomb nothing more than an anti-climax. Our civilian defense is pitifully inadequate.

According to General Marshall, we are buying time for military preparedness by sacrificing men in Korea. If we fail to use this precious time for civil defense as well, we are inviting complete disaster. A word to the wise . . .

Question for Pentagon

How Ready Is US if Russia Chooses to Begin Big War?

By ELTON C. FAY
AP Military Affairs Reporter
WASHINGTON, May 8—(AP)—Out of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's exposition on strategy there emerged today this question for the Joint Chiefs of Staff to ask the Pentagon high command: How ready is the United States, including the state of her atomic weapon and bomber force preparedness, if Russia chooses war?

The Senate's Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees asked MacArthur about all the facts of policy and strategy differences which finally led President Truman to fire him, and the Russian enigma appeared and reappeared many times.

Then, late Saturday, near the close of the general's testimony, the riddle came up again. Senator McMahon (D-Conn.) contended the MacArthur plan—blockading China, putting aircraft over Manchuria and using Chinese Nationalist troops—might bring Russia into the war.

The general replied: "As far as the initial state of an attack is concerned, you must understand that our own preparedness, atomic preparedness, is far in excess of that of the potential enemy at the present time."

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

The Battalion, official newspaper of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, is published by students five times a week during the regular school year. During the summer terms, The Battalion is published four times a week, and during examination and vacation periods, twice a week. Days of publication are Monday through Friday for the regular school year, Tuesday through Friday during the summer terms, and Tuesday and Thursday during vacation and examination periods. Subscription rates \$6.00 per year or \$5.00 per month. Advertising rates furnished on request.

News contributions may be made by telephone (4-5444) or at the editorial office, Room 201, Goodwin Hall. Classified ads may be placed by telephone (4-5324) or at the Student Activities Office, Room 209, Goodwin Hall.

The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in the paper and all other news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights of republication of all other matter herein are also reserved.

Entered as second-class matter at Post Office at College Station, Texas, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Member of The Associated Press

Represented nationally by National Advertising Service Inc., at New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

CLAYTON L. SELPH, DAVE COSLETT.....Co-Editors
John Whitmore, Dean Reed.....Managing Editors
Andy Anderson, Bob Hughson.....Campus Editors
Fred Walker.....Sports Editor
Joel Austin.....City Editor
Vivian Castleberry.....Women's Editor

Today's Issue

John Whitmore.....Managing Editor
Bob Hughson.....Campus News Editor
Joel Austin.....City News Editor
Ed Holder.....Sports News Editor

T. M. Fontaine, Carter Phillips.....Editorialists
Allen Pengelly.....Assistant City Editor
Leon McClellan, Jack Fontaine, Ed Holder, Bryan Spencer, Bob Venable, Dale Walker, Ben Landrum, Frank Davis, Phil Snyder, Art Gless, Crispy Orth, James Fuller, Leo Wallace, W. H. Dickens, Fig Newton, Joe Price, Pete Hermann, Wesley Mason, B. F. Roland, Ivan Yantis, Sid Ragadale, Bill Asberg, Ide Trotter, John Hildebrand, Chuck Neighbors, Bob Seleck, Bill Streich, Curtis Edwards, Howard Heard.....Staff Writers
Jimmy Ashlock, Joe Blanchette, Ray Holbrook, Joe Hollis, Pat LeBlanc.....Sports Staff Writers
Sam Mollinary, Bob Alderdice.....Staff Photographers
Sid Abernathy.....Page Make-up
Joe Gray.....Photo Engraving Shop Manager
Tom Fontaine, Johnny Lancaster, Charles McCullough, R. R. Peoples.....Photo Engravers
Autrey Frederick.....Advertising Manager
Eussell Hageus, Bob Hynze.....Advertising Representatives
Dick Kelly.....Club Publicity Co-ordinator

YOUNG SOLDIERS DON'T FADE AWAY



Mac Can Clear Up Korean Situation

GENERAL MacArthur holds out to the American people an enticing prospect of being able to clear the Korean war from the books and so be in a better position to meet Communist aggression wherever it occurs again.

The general is significantly silent on what happens if his plan should fail. He is so sure of his own ideas he virtually refused to consider questions about what would happen if it didn't work.

Seemingly secondary with the general, but always in the background, is his belief that intensified action against China would not bring Russia into the war. He also seems to think Russia would not be much force in a far eastern war if she did come in.

Yet MacArthur described how the Russians trained the North Koreans in Manchuria, passed this real army through the North Korean border patrol and attacked South Korea. American intelligence had known their actions but not their intentions. Then the Chinese, after MacArthur's troops in Manchuria, but as MacArthur said, it is very difficult to determine another power's intentions, both with regard to the North Koreans and Chinese, the facts did not produce an American decision to be prepared for the worst.

The North Koreans and the Chinese are now Russia's front echelons in Asia. Russia has between 250,000 and 500,000 troops in Manchuria and Siberia. It's a good bet that she has no intention of committing them to war, since she as well as the allies must be prepared in Europe. But concrete reliance upon the belief that Russia will not "pass through the present front echelons, as did her satellites, would be repectuously dangerous.

The conflict between the administration and MacArthur seems to boil down to the hope, on the one hand, that a settlement in Korea may be possible if the Chinese are stopped cold there, and the belief on the other hand that such a settlement depends upon an actual victory.

Also involved is General Marshall's matter of buying time in Korea while preparations are made to resist even greater threats.

Weeds for Dinner

Ex-POW's Give Tips on Survival

CHICAGO, May 8—(AP)—A handful of sugar is a weapon for sabotage, a clump of weeds is dinner, a canteen a pressure cooker. These are tips on survival for the living dead of 1941-45, former prisoners of war in Japan and Germany.

Here are a few samples from a booklet, "How to Survive in a Prisoner Camp," planned by the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., now meeting in Chicago: All meat is edible, regardless of the kind of animal. And weeds and tree bark have food value, too.

Sometimes, the trick is in the preparation. A tin can makes a good stove. A canteen is a pres-

sure cooker—especially good for cooking green things to prevent precious vitamins from draining off.

A little sugar ruins a gasoline engine—a simple way to sabotage enemy equipment.

A razor blade is a handy flint when matches aren't available.

A man can drink, cook and wash with just a quart of water a day—if he knows how. (The ex-prisoners say the U.S. daily average per person is 300 gallons.)

Double up, and live. One man under one blanket will freeze in cold weather, but two men under two blankets stand a better chance.

FREE DINNER

Watch for Your Name in This Space.

Rothrock, W. H.

Modern Languages Dept.

Each Week, The . . .

12th MAN INN

Will give away a free dinner to the person whose name appears.

• WATCH FOR YOUR NAME •

Bring This By . . . It's Yours Free

Bible Verse

THEY THAT trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. —Psalm 125



Send her your love and warmest good wishes. She'll be pleased that you cared enough to send her the best! Come in—choose yours today from our special display.

HALLMARK CARDS

& many Gift Items for you to select from — We will gift wrap & mail for you—

Taylor's Varsity Variety Store

North Gate College

Be Happy Go Lucky!

UPPER CLASSMEN ONLY

An "Upper Classmen Only" sign — It doesn't seem quite fair — Cause if you're smoking Lucky Strikes, you fit in anywhere.

Donald C. Joliffe
University of Denver

LUCKIES TASTE BETTER THAN ANY OTHER CIGARETTE!

Fine tobacco—and only fine tobacco—can give you a better-tasting cigarette. And L.S./M.F.T.—Lucky Strike means fine tobacco. So, for the best-tasting cigarette you ever smoked, Be Happy—Go Lucky! How about startin' with a carton—today?

L.S./M.F.T.—Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco

When marks are low and tempers blow, And days are grey and mucky, Cheer up, my friend, 'tis not the end— Relax! Light up a Lucky!

John K. M. Hayes
Princeton University

It really seems an awful chore to get my homework done. But with a Lucky Strike in hand it almost seems like fun.

Janet E. Stuessy
Platteville State Teachers College

RUN . . .



DON'T WALK to any one of these places . . .

- In "George's"
 - Over Exchange Store
 - Behind Sbsia
- for Expert Cleaning by men who really know how. Remember . . . RUN don't walk to . . .

CAMPUS CLEANERS

3 Convenient Locations

LIL ABNER A Square's Deal

