

Greater Recognition...

IT IS very easy and convenient to be a modern Candide and take the view that A&M is the "best of all possible worlds..."

The obvious method would be to start with the undergraduate school and work up to the graduate school, but we believe that there is reason to start with the graduate school and show its importance and close correlation with the undergraduate school.

Unless this is done, the fact that recognition of undergraduate degrees frequently depends on the quality of the corresponding graduate school is not immediately obvious. In other words, the graduate school is a mat-

ter of concern to all students who want professional recognition, rather than an exclusive problem for the relative minority of the students actually engaged in graduate work.

While we agree wholeheartedly with the expenditures that provide "eyewash" for visiting dignitaries, we do not believe that the firm foundation of graduate study should be neglected.

Unfortunately some classes of research require more equipment than a package of seeds, or a stack of assorted books. Budgets frequently place very sharp limits on expenditures of this type.

In addition, the fact that graduate students can teach at a Ph.D. level while being paid as student assistants largely precludes student manufacture of equipment as a remedy to the acute financial problem.

Increased emphasis on this and other aspects of graduate study would do a great deal to attract favorable attention to A&M.

A good football team, and the luxuries of the MSC may increase the enrollment, but they must be regarded as "necessary, but not sufficient." An equivalent amount of graduate program financial support would greatly enhance the value of every student's goal—the coveted sheepskin.

This, after all, is the final measure of a College—professional recognition of its degrees.

Can We Afford Not To?

IF THE Russians will cooperate and make war by appointment in 1953, the best Washington estimates indicate that we will be prepared to meet the challenge. The Atlantic Pact will be more than a piece of paper; blueprint armies will be in the field; designers dream will be tangible aircraft ready for combat; and all this will have been done in a calm orderly manner with no extra effort involved.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. has been sufficiently concerned about some of our major deficiencies to gather all existing military and civilian facts. His conclusions from these facts are rather shocking to say the least. These statements stand out sharply:

"The cold brutal fact is that the U. S. does not have air supremacy, air superiority, or anything like it. We excel them (Russia) only in the quality of our long-range bombers and in numbers of atomic bombs. On this single fact, our security hangs by a delicate thread."

"Without tactical air support, (planes supporting troops directly) the most mobile troops with maximum firepower per pound are still as naked as men in their underwear."

The big question is—what to do about it? Senator Lodge recommends at least 150 "wings"—preferably 175. Approximately 48 of these Air Force Wings would be committed to tactical support.

We agree with the Senator that this is not a question of "can we afford it?" It is a question of "can we afford not to?"

Allies Turn Western Germany Into Industrial Powerhouse

By BRACK CURRY AP Staff Writer

FRANKFURT—Disarmed Western Germany is becoming an industrial powerhouse for the western defense program.

Even while the Germans debate direct military participation in the Atlantic Pact, the vast Ruhr is producing a growing torrent of supplies for the Atlantic forces.

This torrent is expected to swell during 1951 as the Allies relax their bans and limits on Western Germany's war potential industries.

American High Commissioner

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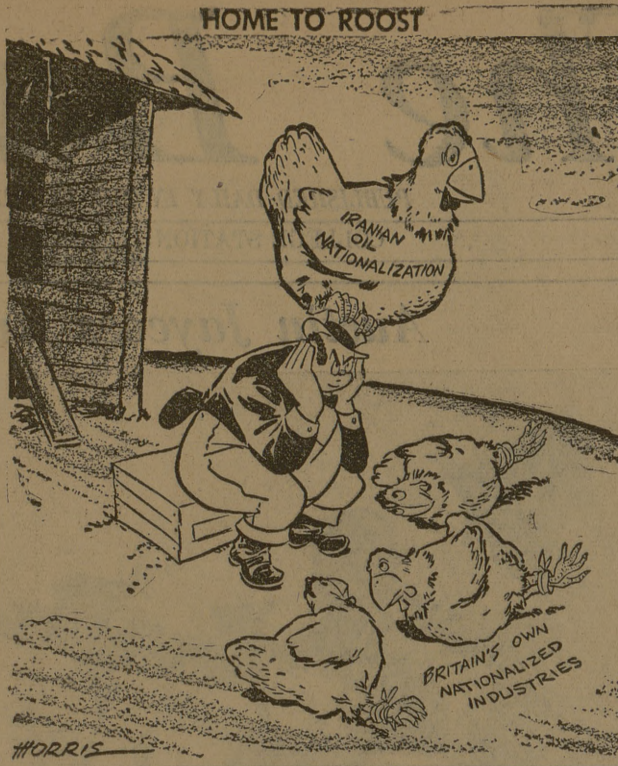
Editor, The Battalion:

Not only did the citizens of the community of Bryan and College Station render a service to the Crippled Children's Clinic, but through their contributions in the bottles placed at the business houses, they more than contributed the Kiwanis Club's contribution to this Crippled Children's Clinic.

The bottles in the Memorial Student Center where the students made their contributions collected a large amount of money.

The Crippled Children's Committee is grateful to the business men who cooperated and to all who made contributions in making this year's clinic our most successful clinic.

Daniel Russell



What Role for Germany If We Fight WW III?

By DON DOANE AP Staff Writer

Frankfurt—If war comes, Germany is almost certain to be right in the middle of it.

What role would the Germans play in such a war? Would they fight? On whose side?

These are among the world's biggest questions today. Much of the east-west diplomatic maneuvering is an attempt to make sure of the answers.

When you talk about "Germans" nowadays, you have to divide them. In one group are the 18,000,000 East Germans, living in the one-third of Germany occupied by Soviet Russia.

In the other group are the 47,000,000 West Germans, living in the British, American and French zones.

Russians Act

The Russians obviously are trying to make sure that in case of trouble, the East Germans fight for them. They've already armed nearly 200,000 of them in "police formations." Of these, 50,000 are given military training.

Now the western allies have launched a campaign to enlist the West Germans as soldiers on their side.

So far, this campaign has not gone beyond the stage of preliminary talks. If war broke out within the next year, there wouldn't be a single West German soldier ready to fight.

If the West Germans agree to join the West European army, they might be able to whip 150,000 men into uniform by 1953. Many would be battle-tested veterans.

Industrial Help For Allies

Meanwhile, West Germany's role in the preparedness race will be chiefly as a supplier of coal, steel and machinery for rearming Europe.

This alone can be a mighty contribution. The big smoky Ruhr valley twice armed Germany so well that it nearly conquered the world.

Allied occupation laws still forbid the Germans from making arms. But they can provide the means for others to make arms.

Russia can expect no such material from poorer East Germany. A little coal, some food, and such manufacturers as optical and electrical instruments are about all

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And the western allies probably will lift controls on such war potential industries as steel, shipyards, synthetic oil and rubber. Production of munitions still will be outlawed.

Of equal importance with the strategic products which the Germans are turning out is the fact that west Germany is Western Europe's one highly industrialized country whose capacity is completely utilized, McCloy points out.

Thus the outlook is that the Ruhr, which stoked the Kaiser's and Hitler's war machines, will become a strongpoint in Western Europe's defense.

East Germany can contribute in the years immediately ahead.

Manpower Advantage in West In manpower, West Germany also has a tremendous advantage over East Germany—almost three to one.

That's why the Russians are so concerned about the prospects of the western allies recruiting West Germany as a full military partner.

The material and manpower reserve of the two areas are easier to assay than it is to determine how the Germans themselves will desire to wield these resources.

The western allies are convinced that most West Germans prefer them to Russia and are optimistic that they will join them militarily.

Neutrality Movement Strong But there's a strong and apparently growing movement among West Germans—even those who dislike Russia—which preaches German neutrality.

West German leaders have warned these people that no graphical position—in the middle between east and west—can hope to remain neutral.

An even stronger feeling than this might weaken the loyalty of East Germans to the Russian cause. Many East Germans are ardent anti-Communists. The thousands of political prisoners taken by the Russian attest to this.

Even the "people's police" whom they armed are losing the trust of the Russians. They are deserting to the west by hundreds yearly.

There appears little doubt, however, that in event of war soon, Russia could get more military help from its zone than the western allies could get from theirs.

Rich Austria Is Prize For Russia or West

Vienna—Vast dollar investments in Austria since 1945 have made the country's industry an important asset for either Russia or the West in the event of war.

Austria cannot exist alone. But geared to either economic sphere, it can provide steel, iron ore, crude and refined oil and electric power for large areas of Europe.

Since 1945, through either direct aid or the Marshall Plan \$750,000,000 have gone into rebuilding the country's industries. Two great steel plants in the U. S. and British zones now can turn out almost 1,000,000 tons of crude

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Agronomy Society Slates Barbecue

The Agronomy Society will hold a barbecue at 5 p. m. Tuesday, May 22, in Area One of Hensel Park, honoring graduating seniors of the society.

"Parents are urged to come," Loupe emphasized, "and bring their children." He also said there would be no "dish washing," because people have been hired to perform that task.

Annual Presbyterian Church Picnic

Wednesday, May 16, at 5 p.m.

At Country Home of Mrs. and Mrs. C. I. Miller, on Highway 6.

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Bible Verse

WHO SO sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. -Genesis 9:6.

Comic strip titled 'LIL ABNER Goodbye, My Nancy' by Al Capp. It shows a man and a woman in a conversation. The man says 'I'M SORRY IT'S MERELY THE SWEETEST FACE IN ALL THE WORLD.' The woman replies 'BUT, TH' FACE AH LOVED BEST WERE MAH MAMMY'S.' The man says 'AH DONT GIT UP AN' EAT ONCE LAST NIGHT - IN CASE ITS POK CHOPS.' The woman replies 'IT'S SOMETHING EVEN MORE DELICIOUS THAN THAT?' The man says 'HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?' The woman replies 'SEE NANCY O IN PERSON ON THE HILTON BERLE TV SHOW TONIGHT.' The man says 'Y-VO HAD IT ON YO - AN' THASS WHY AH LOVED YO - BUT, NAWO, ITS GOME. -- AN' SO IS MAH LOVE -- GOO' BYE, NANCY O.''