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Profs, Where Were You?...

PROFS and other members of the A&M staff apparently are not as interested in how and what their students think as they often say they are.

Student government discussions, with all the related aspects of student life that creep into them, offer to the prof an excellent opportunity to observe and better understand the thinking and attitudes of their students.

Profs and staff members were invited to just such a discussion last Wednesday night.

Two attended.

And one of those was previously invited to serve as panel moderator.

Breaking down the now existing barriers between student and prof at A&M calls for positive effort on the part of profs as well as students.

Two student groups, one with faculty membership, are trying to improve student-faculty relations. They are the Student Senate and Student Life Committee.

But on a questionnaire distributed to A&M profs and staff members this year, only a small number of them indicated that "out of classroom life" had very much to do with classroom efficiency.

Conflicting directly with this are the numerous comments we've heard profs make these past few years that they wish there were better means for them to get to know thoroughly the individual and group thinking of their students. This knowledge, these profs say, would help greatly in getting classroom work "over" to the student.

We wonder where those profs were when the student government panel was held last Wednesday night? They passed up a fine opportunity.

Current student attitude toward profs and the college staff is definitely harmful and should be of great concern to thinking individuals in both groups.

And those high in college administrative circles should be pursuing an active program toward inspiring positive thinking and action on the problem.

Those few now interested and working on the problem cannot hope to solve it alone.

The answer lies only in the concerted thinking and work of a much greater number of profs and students.

Loafing becomes respectable when the doctor tells you it is necessary.

Something For the Future

EFFECTIVE and praiseworthy. Those two words very definitely apply to the panel on student government held in the MSC last Wednesday night.

Open to students and profs alike, it was the first effort here in several years to open to cool and constructive, organized discussion a problem much in the thoughts of student leaders.

Attended by some twenty students and one prof, the audience and panel leaders never lacked enthusiasm, yet they never became boisterous, discourteous or angered.

Panel Moderator Bennie Zinn encountered only one problem—deciding which man had put his hand up first. Nearly every student present spoke during the meeting.

Discussion by both panel leaders and speakers from the floor reflected their interest and the fact that they had done considerable previous thinking on the problem.

The Battalion regrets that there were not more students, particularly underclassmen, and profs present. We know there are more who are interested.

Student Senate President Bill Parse and Senator Wilman "Pusher" Barnes deserve a student body thanks for conceiving and promoting the panel.

Juniors and sophomores present seemed impressed with what could be accomplished in such a meeting. We hope that they will promote more such panels next year to cover any and all kinds of student problems.

Such panels will eliminate a great amount of confusion in student thinking and provide an avenue for progressive improvement in student affairs.

It is nothing short of remarkable, how the candidates recommend themselves.

Problem for Prexy, Athletic Council

THERE needs to be some definite clarification as to what amount of funds are available for minor sports at A&M, and what agency shall provide them.

Under present organization, these sports rightfully fall under the jurisdiction of the Athletic Council. That means the same group should finance them.

Facing their second request by a minor sport organization this year, the Student Life Committee debated long and loud yesterday on what should be done.

It was generally agreed that some definite policies should be established and that no more money should come from Exchange Store funds administered by the Student Life Committee.

Unless some definite policies are established, minor sports will be in for a beating at A&M.

The Battalion recommends this problem to the attention of the Athletic Council and the college president.

Never berate a politician; he could not stay in office without the support of his people.

The Battalion

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

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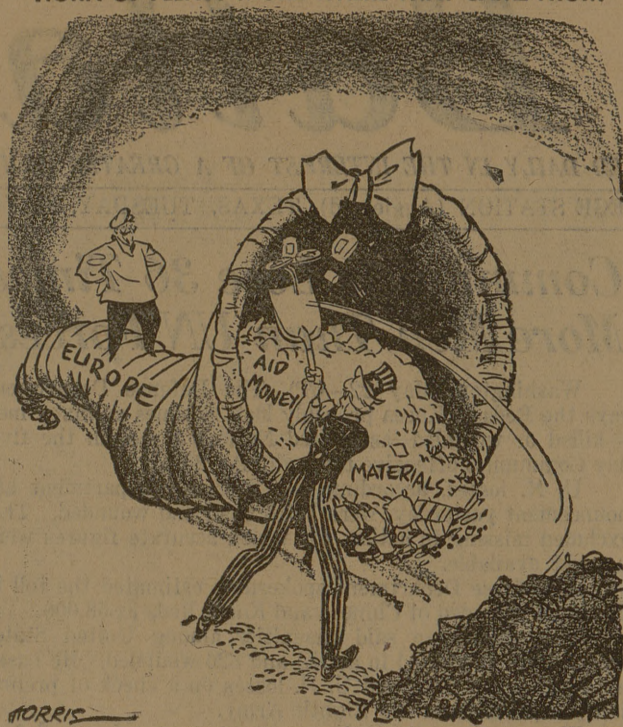
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MORRIS

No Agreement in Sight On Jap Peace Treaty

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, May 22—(AP)—The United States and Russia have reached a parting of the ways over preparation of a peace treaty for Japan.

The spread of their differences was spotlighted by an American charge that Moscow is "conniving at aggression" by proposing to deny to Japan adequate post-treaty defense arrangements.

An American note published Sunday night made it clear that this country is determined to go through with its plan of using American forces to help protect Japan against any threat of Communist aggression from Asia.

The note was handed to Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Pan-yushkin Saturday. It replied to a May 7 Russian set of proposals on preparation of a Japanese peace treaty.

Meeting in June, July
Moscow asked for a meeting in June or July of the foreign ministers of the United States, China,

Britain and Russia to start work on a treaty and bring it to a "speedy conclusion."

The U. S. rejected this proposition outright on the ground that misuse of the veto power by Russia in such a four-nation meeting actually would work against early conclusion of a treaty and also would give "a secondary role" to nations "which bore a greater burden of the Pacific war than did the Soviet Union." The note pointed out that Russia was at war with Japan for only six days.

Convicted Aggressor
The U. S. also declared that as far as Red China is concerned, this country "does not seek guidance from a convicted aggressor"—a reference to Communist China's activities in Korea—and made plain that it has no intention of doing so.

The heart of the 3,500-word American reply, however, was not so much concerned with the Russian proposal to scrap all that this country, Britain and a dozen other

Becomes Prisoner of War

GI Carries Enemy Soldier To German First Aid Unit

The following story sent to us by the Fort Lewis public information officer relates such an unusual tale that we thought our readers would be interested. We've never heard anything like it.—The Editor.

FORT LEWIS, Wash., May 22—The result of close combat in the battle of Hurtgen Forest during World War II gave Pfc. Robert E. Martin his strangest experience in life—thanks to a Texan.

Pfc. Martin, a former German sergeant, today would like to find the Texan who saved his life in the thick of battle and influenced his coming to America.

The unknown Texan was 28 years old in 1944, a farmer prior to military service, a member of the First Army, and a prisoner of war.

Pfc. Martin, now of the U. S.

Army, had fought the Americans several times and on Oct. 12, 1944, he was returning small arm fire with the unidentified Texan when they met face-to-face in close combat in Hurtgen Forest near the Belgium and German border.

Martin, who wears two scars as mementos of his service in the German Army and has unlimited memories of his youth with Hitler's movements, feels that his life was saved by the American soldier from Texas. He also attributes his being in this country to the Texan's attitude on the field of battle where men killed to survive.

"This soldier's humane attitude is responsible for my desire to come here," Pfc. Martin said. "Although an enemy on the battlefield, he was a great friend when my life was at stake."

This is the story Pfc. Martin told:

"We were fighting the advancing Americans on Oct. 12, 1944 almost seven years when I was wounded in close combat.

"The battleground—Hurtgen Forest—was a mass of splintered trees and brush. Artillery and mortar fire had made it into a jungle. Trees were beaten to the ground and we had to crawl under brush and fight from tree-stump to tree-stump.

"A lot of times you'd run right smack into each other. It was a 'dog-eat-dog' battle.

"The Americans were great fighters and good sports about fighting wars," according to Martin.

Church Conference Slated for June

Top-flight speakers, including college and state leaders, will headline the Sixth Annual Church Conference to be held here June 18-20.

Speakers include Dr. Arthur Draper of the USDA, a widely known authority on rural life in America; Dr. Earl Brewer of Emory University, noted authority on the rural church; the Rev. Garland Hendricks of Dripping Springs, N. C., who was picked by the Christian Church as the outstanding rural minister of America.

Dr. C. Clement French, dean of the college; Chas. N. Shephardson, dean of the School of Agriculture; Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the Graduate School; G. G. Gibson, director of the Extension Service; J. D. Prewitt, Extension Service; E. C. Martin, state agricultural leader; Miss Louise Mason, foods and nutrition specialist.

Pfc. Martin is now stationed at Fort Lewis with the 24th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company.

He says he likes the United States Army. "We can show initiative here and be commended and soldiers are treated as individuals in a big team, not a mere number."

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Iran Seems Complacent About Russian Threat

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
Associated Press News Analyst

ANGLO-IRANIAN relations appear to have reached a crisis, with the Nationalists of the oil-rich and people-poor little country taking an almost incredible attitude of complacency toward the possibility of falling into the arms of Russia.

The Iranian government has rejected the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's offer to arbitrate the proposed nationalization of the oil wells, and has indicated similar rejection of a direct British government move to negotiate through a commission.

A government spokesman told the Iranian parliament that British and American opposition to nationalization was pushing the country toward Russia, a simulated state-

ment of fact which constituted an obvious threat.

So here we have extreme nationalism in the Middle East going even farther than it has in the Far East.

Nationalism in India, its determination to reject British rule at any cost, resulted in the division of the great country. Ever since, divided into Hindu and Moslem factions, Nationalism has threatened war between the two new parts.

Iran is trying to break a contract by unilateral action which it had agreed not to break except by mutual agreement. The contract may be unfair and breakable as "against the public interest." You can't pass on heat without an expert knowledge of its entire physical and social aspects.

Keep Oil From Russia

Even if the contract is exploitation, the British have agreed to negotiate on it, and there is a strong public interest to balance the scales. That is the interest of the whole free world in keeping Russia away from Iranian oil with which to grease the wheels of war.

Iran is weak, and lacks the technical ability for operation of the wells. Some outsider is going to do it. With America and Britain out, it would be Russia, for it is a commonplace that no vacuum can exist in such an area.

No matter how she may hate the British, it is hard to see how Iran could look complacency at such a prospect.

Research Grant Given By Pennsylvania Salt

The Pennsylvania Salt Company of Bryan, Pa. again contributed \$600 to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the station, says.

The money will be used "in support of research on cotton insect control under the supervision of Dr. J. G. Gaines of the Department of Entomology," Dr. Lewis says.

LETTERS

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

Osborne Pleases NTSC 'Indians'

Editor, The Battalion:
We would like to say congratulations to whoever is responsible for the fact that Will Osborne is to play for the Ring Dance.

We think he is great and we've really looked forward to hearing him play down at Aggie land May 19.

Naturally, the Aggies are going to like Martha Tilton (we do too!) but we are so satisfied that Will Osborne has been selected.

Sincerely yours,
The Little Indians
N T S C

(Editor's Note: Signed by ten NTSC girls, the names were withheld by request.)

Aggie Rodeo Club Names '52 Officers

Don Tabb was elected president of the Texas Aggie Rodeo Club at the club meeting held May 14, in the Animal Industries Building.

Jim Smith was elected vice-president; Ray England was elected secretary-treasurer, and Charlie McDonald was elected reporter.

After the election Maxie Overstreet gave the club a report on the showing of the team members at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo.

After Overstreet's report Don Tabb, the new president, adjourned the club until next year.

Bible Verse

AND LET us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. —Galatians 6:9.

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By Al Capp