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Inflation Hits Arms Plan

INFLATION has raised living costs for every man, woman and child. Everybody is opposed to inflation but few are willing to cut back prices in those areas that affect their own business.

Charles E. Wilson, defense mobilizer, recently pointed out what inflation is doing to our rearmament program. It is not a pretty picture.

"So, on a variety of fronts, the Government is moving to protect the country from internal inflationary disaster. In recent weeks, there have been some hopeful signs that the rising tide of prices has been checked, but it would be folly if we relaxed for a single instant the battle against this domestic enemy.

I have said that it is planned to spend \$50,000,000,000 a year for the next three years for defense purposes. But if prices continue to rise, this figure, enormous as it is will not be enough.

Inflation is an enemy which wipes out our tanks, our guns, our planes as ruthlessly as any Chinese or North Korean Army wipes them out. Already our casualties inflicted by this dread enemy can be numbered in the thousands of tanks, guns, and planes.

For every \$10,000,000,000 appropriated by Congress for rearmament, we have lost \$2,000,000,000 worth of weapons of defense through inflation of costs. That is a casualty loss of 20 per cent.

Any commander in the field will tell you that a 20 per cent loss of his equipment in any engagement is dangerous. It will keep him up many a sleepless night until he can get that loss restored.

I can tell you that, as your defense mobilization commander, I have spent many a sleepless night worrying over the high casualty loss already exacted by that dread enemy inflation.

In one way this domestic enemy is even more effective than our foreign enemy. You can be sure that our gallant and effective soldiers in Korea don't suffer a loss as high as 20 per cent of their equipment in any engagement without putting out of action a much larger amount of enemy equipment and men.

But if we suffer a loss of 20 per cent in equipment though inflation, we just suffer that loss ourselves without inflicting any corresponding loss—any loss at all—on the enemy.

Suppose we let that kind of thing go unchecked. Very soon the defense program would become too expensive for us to bear or it would have inflated our whole system and destroyed our economic strength.

In the final analysis, the battle against inflation must be won by the attitude of the individual citizen. He must decide whether he is to do his part grudgingly or magnificently. He must decide whether the nation will be greatly patriotic or narrowly selfish."

Batt Writer Overlooked Evidence, States Bertrand

By JOHN R. BERTRAND
Dean, Basic Division

Last week The Battalion presented a series of three articles on the operation and limitations of the Basic Division program. While I feel that the program of the Basic Division has profited from the analysis made by The Battalion, it seems very likely that on at least two points the writer of the last two articles overlooked the objective evidence obtained from the cadet officers assigned to the Eighth Regiment and from a cross-section of 377 of our 1300 freshman students. In all fairness to everyone, the following objective opinions are presented for the information of anyone who may be interested.

Eighty-seven percent of the freshman students either said that the Basic Division program had helped them a great deal (42 percent) or felt that the program should be strengthened and expanded (45 percent). Only 13 percent preferred to enroll directly into a degree granting school.

No Complaints
Sixty-nine percent of the freshmen had no complaints about the work of the cadet officers assigned to the Eighth Regiment. Of all the freshmen who had complaints about the work of their cadet officers, fewer than half of them suggested better selection.

When the freshmen were asked to make general suggestions for the improvement of the Basic Division program, 43 percent of the suggestions referred to the various group guidance efforts, such as Orientation and Remedial Reading. Thirty-one percent of the suggestions related to individual work. Most of these suggestions on individual work added up to recommending more personal counseling.

Twenty-six percent of the sug-

gestions, a total of 62 actual ones, were general points such as follow: There were 33 suggestions that there should be more personnel in the Basic Division. Seven wanted the program to be put over better. Five proposed the employment of better personnel. Four suggested that the Basic Division be disbanded. Four suggested improved efficiency. Three suggested better selection of and check on cadet officers. Two suggested that students who were sure of their degree objective should bypass the Basic Division. Two wanted to be kept more closely informed of changes affecting them. One wanted a stricter probation policy, and one wanted an improved freshman week.

Officers Liked Work
All of the junior and senior cadet officers in the Eighth Regiment said that they had enjoyed their work with Basic Division students. When asked to give the advantages of being a cadet officer in the Eighth Regiment, 59 percent of the advantages suggested were on leadership training received 16 percent were on vocational experience; 12 percent suggested "knowing that you are helping someone"; 7 percent mentioned problem-solving experiences, and 6 percent were miscellaneous suggestions.

Several of the cadet officers mentioned on their schedules that one advantage and compensation they had had for their work this year had been the commendations and praise they had received during the year from the Commandant and the personnel assigned to his office.

Disadvantages Listed
When asked to give the disadvantages of being a cadet officer in the Eighth Regiment, 64 percent of the replies referred in some way to the limited number of upperclassmen assigned there; 16 per-

cent felt that too much responsibility was being given to them, and five percent indicated that because of lack of time there was difficulty in participating in campus activities. Six replies, (8 percent of the total), indicated a sense of feeling outside of the Corps as the disadvantage. Seven percent of the replies included one of the following points: Affects disposition (2 percent), too much pressure (2 percent), and not enough authority (1 percent).

The cadet officers were asked if the dormitory counselors supported them in their work with freshmen. Forty-eight of the 54 cadet officers answering this question replied that they had been fully supported. Four said that they had been partially supported. Only two felt that they had not been supported in their work by the dormitory counselors.

When the upperclassmen were asked to indicate what appeared to be the least valuable part of the Basic Division program as indicated by the comments of freshman students, only 11 of them mentioned any point at all. Six of the 11 mentioned the freshman orientation course; 2 mentioned a one-tenent probation policy; one mentioned the remedial reading course; one mentioned campus quizzes given by cadet officers, and one mentioned separation from the rest of the Corps.

Suggestions Given

The cadet officers were asked for suggestions about improving the Basic Division program. Thirty-seven percent of the suggestions were to have more cadet officers; 19 percent felt that selected sophomores should be in the freshman regiment; 7 percent were for more individual conferences; 7 percent suggested that cadet officers be picked on the basis of personality and leadership; 5 percent of the (See BATT WRITER, Page 4)

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Gen. Weyland Sold Candy At Aggieland

Lt. Gen. O. P. Weyland, who has been named to succeed Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer as commander of the Far East Air Force, earned a good part of his college expenses at A&M by operating the candy concession in the cadet dormitories.

The 48-year-old general, who still can strike a tune on a trumpet or cornet, was captain of the Aggie Band in his senior year while studying mechanical engineering. He graduated in 1923. In 1948-49 he was councillor-at-large of the Former Students Association.

Tall, slender and blond-haired, Weyland, as a student was dubbed with the nickname of "Cotton." Some of his friends called him "Opie," a tab which carried over to his career as a soldier.

Charles C. Crawford, now head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, remembers the famed World War II commander of the 19th Tactical Air Command as an outstanding student with military bearing.

Weyland was born in California, but when he was 8 years old his parents moved to Texas and he was reared on the famous Tarr ranch near Corpus Christi. He still walks with the stride of a cowboy.

The Weylands later moved to Hempstead, where they lived while "Opie" was attending A&M College.

After graduation from college he went to work for Western Electric Company with an ambition to make "a lot of money," but before he accomplished this aim, he became interested in flying.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the air corps, he became a flying instructor at Kelly Field. When he flew home from Kelly Field to Hempstead, he sometimes had to call on neighboring farmers to push his plane out of the mud before he could fly back to his base.

From Kelly he went to Hawaii for three years and from there to the Army Tactical Air Command School, then to the General Staff School. Later he was sent to the Washington National Guard Bureau and then to Panama to command the fighter groups protecting that area during the early days of World War II.

He was awarded the Bronze Star on recommendation of General George Patton.

In 1946 A&M recognized the outstanding war record of one of its graduates, presenting General Weyland with an honorary doctor's degree.

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Bride



Mrs. Hugh M. Scott was formerly Miss Mary Ruth Haley. The couple was married Saturday in the MSC Assembly Room. They are now on a wedding trip to Central and South Texas.

Short Courses In Poultry Set Monday

The Poultry Husbandry Department will sponsor the Poultry Short Course, which will be held here beginning at 8 a.m. Monday and lasting through 5 p.m. on Friday, June 8.

E. D. Parnell of the Poultry Husbandry Department is in charge of arrangements for the course. Registration will be held from 8 until 10 a.m. on Monday in Room 301 of the Agriculture Building. All meetings will be held in the Poultry Husbandry class rooms of the Agriculture Building.

An estimated 35 persons will attend the course. Room accommodations may be secured at the time of registration for \$1 per night per person. The College will furnish all linens. Registrants on June 2 may secure a room by going to 100 Goodwin Hall and signing for a key. Room key deposit refunds will be made in Room 301 Agriculture Building.

Bible Verse

Seniors! Have you missed some interesting courses you wanted to take? Get them in Post Graduation Studies.

IT IS THE glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honour of kings is to search out a matter. —Proverbs 25:2.

SPALDING SPORTS SHOW

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SPALDING SETS THE PACE IN SPORTS

Garden Club Tours

The A&M Garden Club made its Spring pilgrimage to the Russell Day Lily Farms in Spring on Saturday. Twenty-seven members made the trip on a chartered bus. They left College Station at 8:30 a.m. and returned that afternoon at 5.

Each lady carried a basket lunch. The day lilies were in full bloom, according to Mrs. Marion Pugh, publicity director for the club. Russell explained his farm as he directed the ladies in tour. He said that he has about 600 varieties of lilies.

Mrs. George Potter planned the tour. Members who made the trip commended her for the careful planning that made the trip a success.

"Our pilgrimage was both enjoyable and informative," Mrs. Pugh said.

Mrs. R. E. Snuggs, newly elected president for the Garden Club reminded members that all dues must be paid by July 1 in order for their names to appear in the year-book.

"Dues," Mrs. Pugh said "have gone up. They are three dollars now." All checks may be made payable to Mrs. C. C. Doak, treasurer for the organization.

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AH CAIN'T RESIST A BARGAIN! EVEN EF IT COSTS ME YORE LIFE!! AH IS COMIN' OVER T'YORE SIDE, BOYS!!

GANGWAY!!—WE IS COMIN' OVER T'YOURN!! THEET L'I'L BOSTON VARMINT'S SEEGAR SET FIRE T'OUR END O'TH CAR!!

By Al Capp

HAP!

AND LOIT—SCREAMING FROM YON WINDOW IS THE MISSING BRIDE—TO-BE OF OUR MASTER, HASSAN, THE UNSPOILED!!

WE MUST RESCUE HER! ALTHOUGH HER PURCHASE PRICE WAS NOT HIGH, IT IRRITATES OUR MASTER WHEN ONE OF HIS FIANCEES IS BURNED ALIVE!!

L'I'L ABNER

EF WE JUMPS OUT—WE'LL BE DROWNED!!

EF WE STAYS IN, WE'LL BE FRIED!!

LOOK!! A PLANE!!

By Al Capp

BEHOLD!! THE MISSING CAR!!

ROYAL HYUNDERABAD AIR FORCE

L'I'L ABNER

OH THANK YO' FO' RESCUIN' US! FUM THEM!! MAH SWEET OLE GRANNY SOLD ME T' HASSAN, TH UNSPOILED, FO' HIS BRIDE—AN' IT WOULDNT OF BIN FAIR T' CHEAT HIM OUT OF ME.

DO NOT SHOOT!! WE CAN YET MAKE EXPENSES BY TAKING THEM TO HYUNDERABAD, AND SELLING THEM FOR DOGMEAT.

B-BUT WE IS HOOMIN BEANS!!

By Al Capp

NOT ANY MORE!! IT IS WRITTEN THAT THOSE WHO SET HANDS ON ANY BRIDE—TO-BE OF THE MAHARAJAH ARE OFFICIALLY DECLARED DOGMEAT!! DO NOT WORRY, MY FRIENDS—WHEN WE GET TO HYUNDERABAD, IT WILL ALL BE PERFECTLY LEGAL.

WAL, THASS A RELIEF. AN' D' WATE TO BE ET, ILLEGALLY!!