

Fish Corps--New Attraction

AGGIELAND boasts an added attraction this Summer. For the first time in A&M's 75 year history, a cadet corps will be in operation for the purpose of training freshman cadets in the basic military science courses.

A Belated Welcome To New Students

PLAYING, as usual, second fiddle to the letters of the Registrar's Office, we extend a belated but cordial welcome to the newcomers and old-timers on the Campus for this first summer session.

Those who have been here before have some idea of what College Station school days are like, but even they will find some new attractions. An altered class-schedule will find classes meeting slightly longer, but only during five days of the week.

A varied program of entertainment, though, remains on a seven-day schedule and offers a fare that should suit everyone.

The summer cadet corps will probably recall certain times past to some of the old-timers who remember the Aggield of the early 40's. That, however, is no sign of retrogression.

The campus has, indeed, a host of modern attractions to boast. Leading the list is the Memorial Student Center which, even on a restricted summer schedule, promises to continue the job of serving as the "Living Room of the Campus." The building has been in operation since last September.

Continued improvement over the recent years have made the Grove the focal point for the Summer Entertainment program, so summer students will probably spend a good bit of time there, too.

In the class-room and out there's going to be plenty to do. We think you'll find it a profitable and an enjoyable summer.

Comunity-by-Comunity Program Slated

Food Price Curbs Promised

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—Price Director Michael V. DiSalle said today that within 30 days he plans to clamp price lids on 15 or 20 food items in a community-by-community program modeled after the wartime OPA. DiSalle gave no hint as to the items to be controlled.

He outlined his program to the United Labor Policy Committee which has been sharply critical of price controls, saying they have failed to check inflation.

The government official said prices would have to vary by communities across the country because products could be obtained cheaper in some areas than in others.

placed under ceiling lists, but said pork is now selling below parity prices. Under the 1950 defense production Act, farm products are exempt from ceilings if they are selling below parity or below pre-Korean war levels.

HCL Being Stabilized DiSalle said the cost of living is "pretty close to being stabilized right now."

Federal rent controls came in for sharp attack and defense in the battle over President Truman's request for a two-year extension of government control powers generally.

Calvin K. Snyder, speaking for the National Association of Real Estate Boards, told the Senate Banking Committee the government should keep hands off rents. Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods said he is fighting for a stronger rent control law because every American family is vitally affected.

"Rent A Major Item" "Rent is a major item in the family budget," Woods said. Unless Congress grants an extension the 1950 defense production act—the legal authority for the controls program—expires June 30. Mr. Truman has told the lawmakers that even stronger curbs are necessary to combat the threat of inflation.

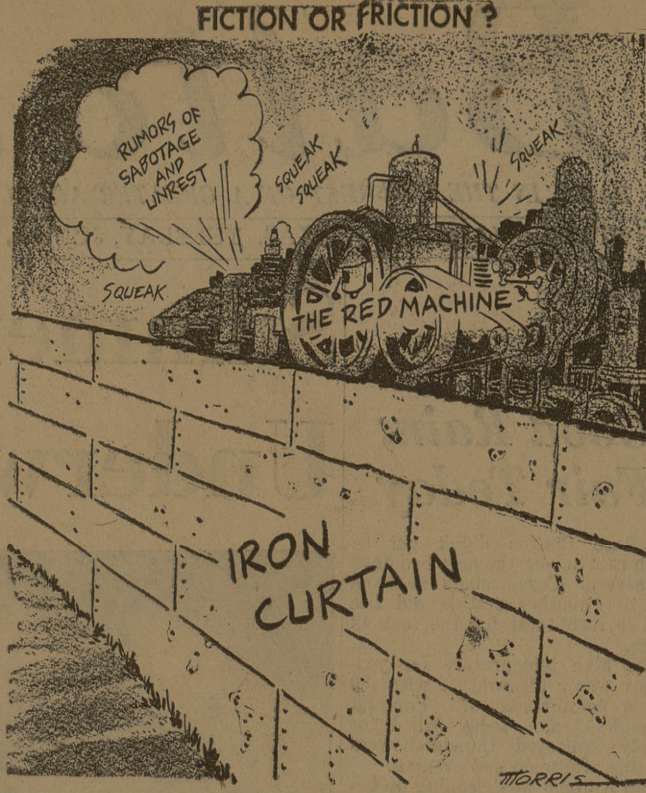
"Political Liability" The Democratic senator who spoke of Acheson as a political liability mentioned specifically the secretary's much-quoted assertion that he would not turn his back on Alger Hiss.

Senator Knowland (R-Calif) brought into the MacArthur inquiry yesterday the name of Hiss, former State Department official jailed after his conviction on a charge of lying when he said he did not pass secret documents to a Communist courier.

Knowland asked if Acheson, then assistant secretary of state, had anything to do with assigning Hiss to the Yalta Conference in 1944. Acheson replied he didn't expect to sign travel orders for Hiss and other members of the delegation.

Advocated Blockade MacArthur was dismissed April 11 for advocating publicly a naval and economic blockade of China, bombing of Communist Chinese Bases in Manchuria and use of Chinese Nationalist troops in the fighting.

Acheson evidently changed no senators' minds by his opposition to this program as one which would give Russia a legal excuse to intervene or by his long defense of postwar administration foreign policies in China. He attributed Communist seizure of China to an over-extension of military forces on the part of Chiang Kai Shek, plus Chiang's failure to institute reforms in his government.



Farm, Ranch Men Pay More Taxes

TEXAS farm and ranch owners are paying more in taxes this year than in the last two decades. Farm and ranch real estate taxes increased again in 1950 for the fourth straight year.

Although the increase is not general over the entire state—some counties are actually showing a decrease—the average for the state was four percent higher for 1950 than 1949. But this is a moderate increase as compared to the 15 percent increase in 1949 over 1948.

Total taxes levied by all units of government averaged 26.6 cents per acre in the stable years of 1936-46. The record high of 29 cents occurred 1931.

These figures were furnished by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology of A&M as compiled by L. P. Gabbard head of the department, and Robert G. Cherry, assistant professor.

Special District Special district—water, drainage and navigation—are of minor importance on a statewide basis, but are a major tax factor in some sections, the report says. Special district taxes increased slightly in 1950.

The relative importance of taxes levied by the various types of governments has changed considerably in recent years. Schools have increased their share of the total tax bill. County levies generally have declined. School districts accounted for 50 percent of the 1950 farm and ranch bill, counties 29 percent, state 14 percent, and other districts 7 percent.

Extension of Levies A major factor contributing to the growth of school taxes has been the extension of levies to most land by the Gilmer-Aiken school laws. Less than 1 percent of the farms and ranches in the Department's sample tax study showed no local school taxes in 1950; before revision of the school laws there were extensive areas which did not have a local tax.

Despite this picture of mounting tax tolls, there are two bright features to the present outlook. Farmers and ranchers found the taxes easier to pay, because of higher farm crop prices. And there are indications that the upward spiral may be stopped, the experts predicted.

Offsetting the increased tax bill was an increased per-acre income in 1950. At least this was true from the standpoint of prices received from produce and livestock produced on the land. The price index (Bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA) rose from 275 in 1949, to 306 in 1950, while the tax index rose somewhat proportionately less, from 284 to 296. As a result, the tax-price ratio declined from 1.03 to .97 slightly less than in the base year, 1913.

Interpreting The News

Doubts Van Fleet's Report

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GENERAL Van Fleet's announcement that the "pursuit phase" of allied operations in Korea was over now seems to have been merely a report that the enemy had quit running.

The allies continue northward, but only in hard fighting. There is growing expectation that the allies will soon let Peiping know how from the U. S. standpoint the war can be stopped if the Communists wish it.

Trygve Lie's statement that a cease fire providing for peace and security would be sufficient was taken as a forerunner of what might be expected.

First Objective

The first objective of the U. N. was to repel aggression in Korea. The aggressors are now back beyond the line from which they started. A corollary objective was to re-establish peace by force after the communists had refused the

U. N. plea that they do so voluntarily. That is today's question as the 13 allies confer in Washington. A secondary object was to end the division of Korea which had existed since the war, and which was responsible for the trouble. Until the entry of Red China into the fighting, this was a military possibility.

Now, unless the allies decide on the use of far greater force than seems politically feasible in view of the global situation, unification becomes a strictly political problem, and one not likely to be solved any time soon.

No slightest sign comes from China or Russia that they are interested in ending the present situation. The heavy Red casualties even favor continued fighting seem to mean little to them.

Conviction that they can't win, which has been a major allied military objective, might not weigh half so heavily with them as the expenditure of allied strength which they are able to require. Russia might hope, through sudden formal entry into the Korean situation as a peacemaker, to create an atmosphere which would weaken the West's determination to rearm, but that hope would probably appear to the Kremlin as a very tenuous one at the present stage.

The military situation which was expected to open the possibility of peace negotiations has been created. The political situation seems unimproved, and possibly even favors continued fighting from the communist standpoint.

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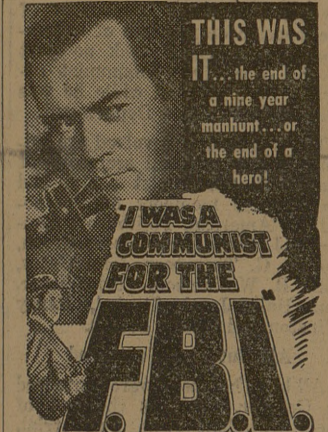
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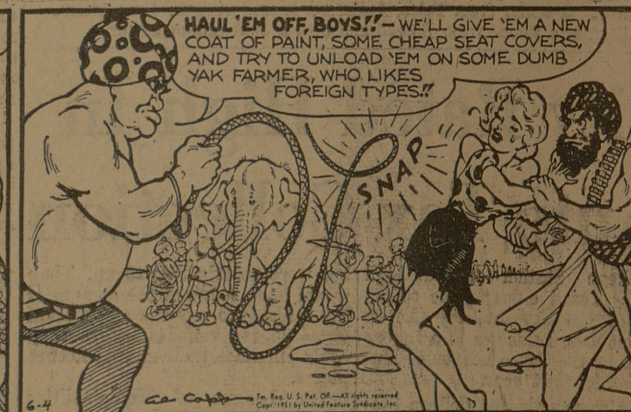
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