

# Battalion Editorials

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## Help A Sick Fellow . . .

**TWO GROUPS**—one large, the other small—had a good time last night. The large group was made up of patients at McClosky Veteran's Hospital in Temple and the small group consisted of talented residents of College Station area recruited by Miss Betty Bolander to entertain the vets.

Miss Bolander, assistant social director at the Memorial Student Center, has taken numerous groups to the Temple hospital this past year. All those in last night's troupe were veterans at entertaining in vet hospitals.

Many of the veterans who witness these performances have been bed-ridden month after month. Some have little other entertainment than that provided by groups such as the one from A&M. And they all make it a special point to express their deep gratification for the shows.

These patients would be the first to agree with us in giving a great big pat on the back to the work being done by Miss Bolander and the entertainment groups she has organized.

Along with these orchids, though, we'd like to hand out a few onions. The latter present goes to all talented people in this area who did not offer to make that trip last night.

Through The Battalion, Miss Bolander made a plea slightly over a week ago for all persons with any kind of entertainment talent to contact her as soon as possible. Her response to that plea was a flat zero.

From that we may conclude that the college and the community have a scarcity of talent. We hardly believe that is true. Perhaps, then, many people consider themselves too much of an amateur to attempt this type of entertainment. This is a poor excuse, since the vets make about the most appreciative audience to be found. They aren't expecting professionals. But, says Miss Bolander, they'll give the amateur the same ovation they would give a professional.

Another alternative is that students and community residents just aren't willing to devote the time and interest to such undertakings. A record like that would look mighty poor in view of the fact that one of the en-

tertainers in last night's troupe was here on the campus only for the duration of the short course being held in the MSC. He could find the time and interest, though.

Miss Bolander will probably take one more trip to the Temple Hospital during the summer. We hope that her next pleas for talent get some response from those in this area who realize that gifted persons only enjoy their talents fully when sharing them with others.

## TV Color Debut Nearing

**DEBUT** time is drawing near for the recently approved TV colorcast. And CBS, whose color system is the only one approved by the FCC, is not the only major concern readying its lines for transmission of the rainbow hues.

RCA, who lost out to CBS by virtue of a supreme court ruling, is said to be planning a "public demonstration" of its process, possibly even before the initial Columbia colorcast.

General Electric, too, is putting finishing touches on what it calls a "composite system," combining features developed by several companies, including RCA.

The CBS system can be received, in limited size, on any present TV set—if the owner purchases a converter.

RCA and GE are criticizing the CBS process on the grounds that it is "incompatible"—color telecasts can not be received on present sets in black and white. Both firms claim their process does not have this fault.

From where we sit, the whole thing sounds like good old fashioned competition, even if it is among the big boys. That being the case, TV audiences will be the ones to benefit in the long run.

And TV audiences, like car owners, have come to comprise a large segment of our population. After all, it looks like most folks would let the mortgage lapse just to keep up payments on the TV set—color or no.

## Mississippi Senate Reports Vicious 'Job-Selling' Racket

WASHINGTON, June 21—(AP)—A Senate subcommittee reported yesterday it had found a "vicious job-selling racket" involving federal government positions in Mississippi.

It attributed the "deplorable situation" to the action of the Democratic National Committee which, the group declared, "saw fit to invoke political reprisals" on Mississippi Democrats who bolted from President Truman in 1948 and supported the states rights ticket.

The seven-man expenditures subcommittee headed by Senator Hoey (D-N.C.) spoke of a small group as having "corruptly extorted political contributions" from persons seeking postal jobs, but said the practice has ended.

### No Evidence

It said there is no evidence the national committee got any of this money.

The subcommittee submitted a 15,000-word report summing up the results of its investigations, which included hearings at Jack-

son, Miss. It said federal officials are investigating and that prosecution may follow.

The report named leaders of the Mississippi group it asserted had used political power "to extort contributions" from federal job-seekers and criticized the Post Office Department for failing to uncover "these illegal job-selling activities."

It noted that the pro-Truman group had sought the advice and assistance of Donald S. Dawson, presidential aide, and added:

### Democrats Responsible

"However, in the opinion of the subcommittee the evidence is clear that the Democratic National Committee was responsible for turning over federal patronage" to the pro-Truman group.

The background of the matter is this: In 1948 the regular Mississippi Democratic organization bolted from Mr. Truman and supported the states rights ticket. A pro-Truman faction, known as the

Mississippi Democratic Committee, organized to support the President.

In 1949 the administration denied the Mississippi Congressional Delegation the privilege of recommending appointees to federal jobs and gave this privilege to the pro-Truman group. Leaders of the group included Clarence E. Hood, Jr., recognized by the national committee as acting national committeeman for Mississippi, Frank F. Mize, Curtis Rogers, Forrest B. Jackson and B. C. Beasley.

### Federal Jobs Sold

In February of this year after published reports appeared in Mississippi papers, senators Stennis and Eastland, Mississippi Democrats, charged in the Senate that federal jobs were being sold. The investigation resulted.

In addition to Hoey, investigating senators included McLellan (D-Ark.), O'Connor (D-Md.), Humphrey (D-Minn.), McCarthy (R-Wis.), Mundt (R-Sd.) and Nixon (R-Calif.).

Senator Hoey, in submitting the report to the Senate, briefly traced the history of the investigation.

He said control of the Mississippi Democratic committee was "usurped" by a small group of wilful men who corruptly extorted political contributions from a substantial number of persons seeking postal jobs. In addition, he said, the same group extorted political contributions from persons who were promised some non-existent Office of Price Stabilization jobs.

"Some of this same group," Hoey said, "sought without success to use improperly their political power to further their own financial gain by influencing defense contracts, RFS loans and other matters involving the activities of federal agencies."

## Lt. Col. B. Roberts Gets Turkey Post

Lt. Colonel Ben H. Roberts, of Sweetwater, has been named Chief of Resources and Planning of the U. S. Air Force Advisory Group in Turkey, according to a report received from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Roberts will leave for Athens, Greece on July 15 and from there will proceed to Ankara, Turkey and the Advisory Group's Headquarters.



## Interpreting the News

# New Problems in Store For Britain in Iran Crisis

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

**THE** IRANIAN crisis seems to be approaching the point where British hopes of maintaining a hold on the oil may be superseded by thoughts of how to deny it to Russia.

The British, rebuffed in their latest effort to reach agreement whereby Iran can take ownership of the wells without ending Anglo-Iranian Oil Company operation, are now reported considering a complete evacuation.

### Two Alternatives Discussed

Beyond another appeal for a negotiated settlement which would seem to have little hope of success, two alternatives are being discussed. One is to call in troops and maintain the British hold. The other is to stop production, insure the safety of installations, put out the 3,000 British who are running the fields and keep the rights to whatever oil Iran may produce.

This raises the question of which situation will most gravely endanger the peace of the world. Depending upon Russia's readiness for war about which we do not know, this could be the most serious crisis since Hitler invaded Poland.

### Would Threaten Oil Supply

To leave the rich oil fields in the hands of small, weak and politically chaotic Iran would threaten their continued operation and the flow of oil needed by Britain and western Europe. It would create a power vacuum which, by all the standards of history, would invite Russian entry. This would either produce a war or the surrender of another country, containing a

great war potential, to the Soviet sphere.

Just as dangerously, any British attempt to maintain their position in the oil fields by force would give Russians an excuse for intervention under her treaty with Iran. That also might mean war.

These points bring us to a brutal point which the Iranians have apparently not taken full cognizance.

### Can Russia Be Denied

If Britain cannot safely stay and cannot safely leave the oil in Iranian hands, how can the oil be denied to Russia? One means, mentioned above, is an agreement with Iran guaranteeing the oil's continued westward flow. But Iran is refusing to negotiate prior to the hand-over. Can the hand-over safely take place before such an agreement?

One bare possibility might be for Britain and Iran to agree on American operation of the wells under nationalization. But for Iran this would be an equivocal political substitute for her aims. For Britain it would be defeat.

The situation may come, then, to decision on the brutal point—leaving the wells useless, through destruction or some other means.

The possibility has been discussed, but no one has wanted to settle down on it even as a last resort. It might mean the surrender to Russia of an emaculated but still strategically located Iran and an allied step backward toward the heart of all the middle eastern oil lands.

None of these choices is anything but bad. The only hope for anything like a satisfactory outcome of the dispute lies in convincing Iran she is endangering her freedom

## Bible Verse

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# Rain or Drowth--Texas Cotton Raiser Fights On

By Associated Press

**FOR** THE Texas farmer it's gotten so if it ain't a drowth it's too much rain.

And weeds, and insects, and boll weevils.

Two months ago farmers up in North Texas were praying for rain. Now they're cursin' because it's rained so much and the fields are so wet they can't get in and hoe out the weeds and spray the insects.

Down in the valley they're talking about a shortage of water in the Rio Grande for irrigation.

### Top Cotton State

But Texas — the country's top cotton-producing state—still aims to grow a record crop. The Agriculture Department has asked for 11 million bales from Texas. They're saying the crop in Texas

might even reach 12 million bales—the weather willing.

The first Texas bale, and also the first in the nation, was sold on the Houston Cotton Exchange June 18. It came from the lower Rio Grande Valley.

But down in the valley the thirsty million-acre cotton crop was demanding more water than irrigation districts could furnish. Nearly all districts were rationing water.

"There's the heaviest demand I've ever seen for water," said District manager Mard Redford at Harlingen. "The continued dry days and nights with high winds blowing continuously are drying out lands almost as fast as they are irrigated and we cannot supply every request for water at one time."

### One Of The Best

Oldtimers said the crop still was one of the best-looking in years and many a man hoped to make up in cotton some of what he lost in the freeze that killed his citrus trees this past winter.

Farther north the fields were just beginning to blossom in Central Texas. McLennan County expects its first bale come August.

Over in West Texas, where irrigation from wells is swelling the crop, some 3½ million acres of cotton are planted in the 16-county district around Lubbock. They're expecting upwards toward two million bales.

It was in North Texas that farmers stood at the edge of their muddy fields the first of the week and tried to spot the cotton amid the weeds.

In the Pilot Point area near

Denton they haven't been able to get out with a hoe since about June 2, when the rainy spell began.

Boll weevils showed up in Harrison County. Around Paris, Lamar County Agent Tom E. Prater reported a build-up of boll weevils and warned farmers to hit the pests as soon as possible.

Cotton insects were reported moving into Grayson County, too. Get rid of the weeds and the insects, and the next problem is pickers.

In Waco, J. Walter Hammond, president of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, said he believed the Mexican farm labor situation will be ironed out satisfactorily in the near future.

The Mexican government announced Tuesday that it would keep the migrant worker recruiting stations at Monterrey, Hermosillo and Chihuahua until July 15. They had been scheduled to close Saturday night.

## Six Ag Engineering Men Attend Meet

Six men from the Agricultural Engineering Department attended the 44th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in Houston Monday following programs: Power and day through Wednesday.

The meeting will be divided into Machinery, Rural Electric, Farm Structures, Soil and water, General, College Division, Agricultural Extension, and Agricultural Aviation.

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