

Men Can't Live on Air...

THE LATEST issue of Redbook devotes its editorial pages to the plight of men under 26 who, says the magazine, "can't live on air."

Discussing the fact that more and more help-wanted signs specify draft exempt of "men over 26," the magazine asks why these younger Americans should bear such a heavy burden of the war.

The reason, of course, is that the healthy youth of our nation are nothing but "draft bait." Those who would give them a job must take the risk of losing their services by a sudden call to service. Potential employers don't want to take that risk.

The inconvenience hits just as hard at the male college graduate, unless he be a veteran of the last war. These graduates, unless they have picked up a reserve commission along with their degree, find themselves top priority with local boards.

Those who have the reserve commissions are not much better off. Since the last call of the 1951 graduating classes, the services have made no commitments at what later graduates can expect. In view of the parti-

cularly apprehensive state of world affairs right now, it's doubtful that even the higher brass know how many enlisted and officer personnel will be needed in the near-future.

Redbook sums it up very well with these words:

"This 'limited emergency' is everybody's business, but has to often become 'limited to men under 26.' The young men are being asked to carry the heaviest burden of the emergency; the least the rest of us can do is stop penalizing them for doing it.

"There is no question that some jobs require an older person, but if it is work for a young man he should be given the job. When and if he goes into uniform his morale is going to be a lot better. He will know what he's fighting for—a way of life that gave him a chance when he needed it, and a job to return to."

A New Style For Milady's Hair

REMEMBER the days when females out-did themselves to see who could grow the longest and most gorgeous tresses? They seem to have receded further into the dim, dark past than we might at first think.

The boyish bob is a piker compared to a new style reported via the Associated Press from Los Angeles. And, though we don't think the trend will be encouraged by Mademoiselle, it arrested our attention.

One Josephine Amaya decided to emulate a male fashion that hasn't yet been accepted by even the more reckless of that sex. She now boasts a Mohican haircut.

It's as bad as it sounds, too—a head shaved bald with the exception of a three-inch wide strip of hair extending from forehead to the back of the neck. Just to preserve the feminine touch, she has a pig-tail extending below the shoulder line. And she left enough to wear a ribbon.

She doesn't expect the other girls to try the style "because they're afraid they couldn't go any place with their boy friends." She explains that she has no boy friends.

Nor, Miss Josephine, do we think you need fear finding any.

Air Defenses

Found Inadequate

AN AIR defense network for the U. S. and Canada has been tried and found wanting. The trial came a week ago over large sections of this country and its northern neighbor.

Air Defense Command officials, however, were happy with the fact that the maneuvers had offered a chance to train and test thousands of civilian volunteers in observation posts and filter report centers.

The air defense network is not intended to halt every attacking aircraft before it reaches its target. Its purpose is to minimize such attacks as might come.

Most valuable lesson from the trial was that more anti-aircraft guns were needed for close-in defense at important centers.

The maneuver takes us back to the numerous black-outs and practice air raids of World War II days. Those never had a practical work-out. Let's hope the air defense network doesn't either.

President Hoping Russia's Peace Bid Will be Explored

WASHINGTON, June 29—President Truman said yesterday he hopes the Russian proposal for a cease-fire in Korea will be explored further.

The President opened the news conference with two announcements:

He nominated secretary of the Navy Francis P. Matthews, former Omaha lawyer and a leading Catholic layman, as ambassador to Ireland to succeed George A. Garrett, who resigned as of May 31. Dan A. Kimball, Navy under-secretary and a Californian, was elevated to the secretaryship.

He issued a formal statement expressing great worry over the possibility that Congress may not pass any bill extending price and other controls by the Saturday deadline, or else that it will pass a bill "so crippled and con-

fused with special interest amendments that it would be worse than useless in the fight against inflation."

"If either of these things happens," he said, "the consumers in this country will take a beating, and our whole defense effort—our whole stake in the free world's security—will be placed in serious jeopardy."

Mr. Truman expressed the hope the Congress will either send him a "good law" by Saturday, or extend the present law until it can get a good new law in shape.

Asked if he thought the Senate bill a good one, he replied no, period.

The President said the Iranian situation is serious. But he added nothing else, or else that it will be a settlement—that he hopes the

Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. and the Iranian government will get together and make an equitable settlement.

Making Settlement Efforts

He said this country has been making efforts to bring about a settlement and will continue to do so.

The White House made public a message from Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh of Iran to Mr. Truman saying Iran would make every effort to keep oil flowing under nationalization. But Mossadegh said that if British oil employees resigned en masse, or loading of ships was delayed, the responsibility for "grave" consequences would rest on the British.

The President said he hopes for an early settlement of the United Air Lines' pilots strike and it is being worked on every day.

Asked if he would make a tour of the south before the next Democratic National Convention, he replied he is always open to an invitation.

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The Last Word

Meeting the Girls Is Aggie Problem

By VIVIAN CASTLEBERRY, Battalion Women's Editor

The College had had numerous visitors this week. They were the 4-H Club boys and girls of the state and they, with their adult leaders, numbered almost 2000-strong. Clad in blue jeans and loud shirts, the tails waving, the boys have been concerned chiefly with various judging contests and with the girls. The girls have been interested in attending style shows, meetings and the boys. Through all this the Aggies have voiced one big complaint: Here's what we've been needing, a whole bunch of pretty girls, and there's not a way to meet them!

One Aggie commented that he found it extremely difficult to keep his mind on his books with so much feminine pulchritude to divert his attention. Most of the boys would have been quite willing to move over their classrooms and make room for such cuties as Joan Herrin, Wanda Fain, Bobbie Bacon, Alberta Hartman, Marilyn Honea and Della Sue Arnold. Better still, they'd like to have foregone the studies entirely and sat around in the cool MSC with one (or more, of the pretties and a couple of cold drinks.

As the week approached an end, the campus was very nearly at its normal population again. Similar to the Arabs of old, the 4-H'ers, during the night, had folded their tents—or, at least, packed their bags—and silently stolen away. Most of the Aggies were still wondering how to go about meeting the pretty girls.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams, Jr.—Bud and Skeeter—were packing, too. They had received orders to report for duty with the Army. Bud received his degree in industrial education in June. He and Marilyn made their home in College View and she was employed by the Architectural Department. They plan to check in to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, this afternoon or evening.

THE BELLS ARE RINGING. Wedding bells continue to peal their happy tidings as Aggies and Aggie-exes play principal roles in ceremonies changing the names of their dream girls to their own.

No name changing took place in San Antonio Tuesday when Miss Scarborough was wed to Mr. Scarborough. The bride's name is Eleanor Margaret and her husband is Molere, Jr., '47, business. The couple motored to New Orleans and then on to Miami where they will board a plane for Nassau. On their return trip they will visit in Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C. before going to Philadelphia to make their home. H. Deak Neal, '52, landscape art. The wedding will be held in Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio.

Mary Beth Forstner and Cecil H. Stubblefield, '49, Ag. Eco., were wed in Hillsboro's Methodist Church recently. Mrs. Stubblefield is a graduate of NTSC. A Fort Worth ceremony last Friday night united Jeanneane Ann Lewis and David H. Cline, '51 English. A graduate of Texas Technological College, the bride was married in an ivory slipper satin gown. The couple will live in Fort Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. Scott Haggard are living in Kansas City following their marriage on June 17 in Houston. The bride was Miss Virginia Woodriddle. She was graduated from Sam Houston State College. Dr. Haggard received his DVM from A&M in '47 and later received his MD from Baylor University College of Medicine.

Lona Mae Carter and Bobby Hettich, Aggie grad, were married last Friday at the Pleasant Mound Methodist Church near Dallas. They will live in Dallas following a wedding trip. Mrs. Hettich is a graduate of NTSC. At home in Bryan following a wedding trip to South Texas are Peggy Jean and James W. McAdams. Peggy Jean is the former Miss Brown. The couple was married last Saturday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. McAdams, 1100 Ertle.

Two members of the class of '51 have just repeated their marriage vows. Lt. Gale N. Brundrett was married in Woodboro Saturday to Mary Ruth Boone. The bride received her degree this year from TCU where she was a member of Alpha Chi. Lt. Brundrett and his bride are on a wedding trip that will end in Camp Lee, Virginia, where he will be stationed with the Army.

Alice Myrtle Krog is now Mrs. William Gary Cooper. She and Bill, Ch. E., were wed in a candle-light ceremony Friday in San Antonio.

Following a wedding trip to points of interest in South Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are at home in San Antonio where he is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base.

A recently announced wedding is that of Richard M. Vehon and Jeanette Keithley which was solemnized in March in Durant, Okla. The bridegroom will receive his degree in January. Mrs. Vehon is expected to join her husband here in September.

John Tom and Mackey Harris find that their College View home is big enough for three—especially when that third person is their daughter, Toni Mac. Toni joined the Harris family last Friday. She weighed 8 lbs., 10 ozs. Miss Debra Ann McCants will be a candidate for Aggie beauty queen honors about 1970.

She recently made her debut into the McCants family at St. Joseph Hospital. Debra Ann's father is Erskine McCants who graduated June 1. Her mother is Mary Ann McCants, formerly employed in the Journalism Department.

Mary Ann and the new daughter will join their husband and father in Snyder next week where he is employed by Standard Oil Co. of Texas.

TELL IT TO THE BATTALION. Oh, if I were only taking at least one course in A&M! The Batt has been asking for entries in a new contest designed especially for

Korean War Veteran Assigned to A&M

First Korean war veteran to be assigned to duty at A&M is Sergeant William R. E. L. Burgess. Burgess, a wounded Korean veteran, is assisting Lt. Col. W. F. Lewis in the Infantry. At the present time Burgess is at the Ft. Hood Infantry Summer Camp.

Draftee Becomes a Soldier

From Induction To First Job--Bound for Far East

(Editor's note: This is the first article in the series of stories by Relman Morin, a special correspondent of the Associated Press. It summarizes the basic training given new American soldiers.)

By RELMAN MORIN, AP Special Correspondent

FORT DIX, N. J., June 29—(AP)—For the tow-headed kid from New Hampshire, this was it—a June graduation to a job in Korea.

He had finished his basic infantry training, 14 weeks of learning how to remove armed obstacles, human or otherwise, and yet stay alive. Now he was going through a final "processing," a review of his work before the trip overseas. The record of those 14 weeks was in a file on the officer's desk.

This is what it showed: He was nearly 20 years old. He had had one year of high school. His intelligence scores were far above the figure the Army used to consider average.

He knew how to use—and had actually fired—19 different weapons, including a rifle, carbine, pistol, light and heavy machine-guns, rocket-launchers, grenades and mortars.

His training included the bayonet. It also embraced some Judo (Japanese-style wrestling) to protect himself, even though unarmed, against a bayonet.

He had been "under fire" in an operation that closely simulates battle conditions. "Live artillery and mortar shells crashed into the ground ahead of him. Machinegun bullets snarled over his head, tracing bright gold streaks through the green underbrush. On his flanks, he saw a tank and a flame-thrower crew supporting him. One of his buddies, firing a bazooka, knocked out an "enemy tank" with three direct hits.

He made some mistakes, mainly from excitement. But he came out of the operation, bursting with a new-found confidence in himself and his weapons. He was a proud soldier, that day.

His instructors, both combat veterans, answered his questions, pointed out his mistakes, praised his good points. They told him, from experience, "this is the way it feels and smells in combat."

Jesse Jones Claims Profit Made on Loans

Houston, June 29—(AP)—Jesse H. Jones, former RFC chairman, said Wednesday the agency has made a profit of more than \$20,000,000 from its loans to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The former federal loan administrator and secretary of commerce said this to the Senate Banking Committee, which recently heard critical testimony about the loan. His statement was released here today.

Jones said B&O's present indebtedness to the RFC is secured by worth nearly three times the marketable and other securities amount of the loans.

He said Congress created the RFC in 1932 largely to help railroads and that the B&O was among the first to apply for help.

The RFC's handling of B&O loans was criticized in a report made public by the committee in Washington June 1—nearly four years after it was submitted by Senator Tobey (R-N.H.). The report was never adopted by the banking sub-committee which conducted the 1947 probe.

He discovered that he was in top physical condition. That hill was steep, but he had gone up the slope, half running.

A slender lad, he had gained two pounds since his induction. It was all muscle. (The overweight man tends to lose.)

The kid from New Hampshire is typical of some 35,000 American soldiers who will finish "basic" this month. By next October, nearly 50,000 will be completing the course every month.

These men, in the words of one of the camp commanders, are "the cream of the crop, the best in all my experience."

Comparative statistics show generally higher intelligence scores than the previous army averages. So do figures on physical condition. Vice versa, the numbers of men going A. W. O. L. is below average, probably indicating better morale.

The Army is getting good men. In return, it is giving them a type of training beyond anything it has ever attempted. World War II veterans never saw anything like it.

Today, there are thousands of battle-trained instructors, teaching the men. Techniques of instruction have improved. Facilities are better. Most important, there

is enough equipment so that a trainee can operate the same weapons, new and old, that he may be called upon to use in combat. Remember the broomstick which was used in 1941?

The officer posed a final question to the boy from New Hampshire. "If you have to go into combat, do you feel confident in your training?"

The soldier looked at him with unwavering blue eyes. "Yes, sir," he said, "I sure do."

He has asked for duty in the Far East Command. That probably means Korea.

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