

'Honor Be e'r Untarned'

Investigation of West Point 'Cribbing'

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MISSIONS of the U. S. Military Academy—
● to instill discipline and a high sense of honor.
● to develop the powers of analysis so that the mind may reason to a logical conclusion.

● to instruct and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the qualities and attributes essential to his progressive and continued development throughout a lifetime career as an officer in the Regular Army."

What you just read is taken from a plaque at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. West Point where every year its graduates enter the United States Army. West Point where great leaders are made. West Point where outstanding football teams and athletics play an important part in the life of every Cadet. But most important, West Point where the words "... Let duty be well performed, HONOR be e'r untarned ..." mean more than just the phrases from the "Alma Mater."

This West Point today is rocked by an explosion which no enemy could ever bring to bear and one which undoubtedly makes Colonel Thayer, father of the Military Academy and General George Washington, father of our country, really wonder if each was right in being a father.

Ninety Cadets Face Dismissal

The news has spread from coast to coast and, undoubtedly is now the talk of the Korean foxholes, that ninety Cadets at the Academy may be dismissed for "cribbing."

But is it "cribbing," and is it necessarily "cribbing" on the part of the Cadets?

As the Honor System of the Academy now stands, the men are guilty, but the question lies in the fact as to whether

or not this old age Honor Code founded with the start of the Point in 1802 is correct.

The Honor Code, as some senators probably do not know, pertains not only to academic affairs but to everything the Cadets do. It is introduced to the Cadet when he first arrives at the Academy and begins his life as a plebe with two months in what is commonly called "Beast Barracks."

"Duty, Honor, Country"—Corps' Motto

During this period, the words "Duty, Honor, Country"—the Corps' motto—become a reality. Honor is put forward to the Cadet at all times as he is tested during inspections, athletics, and even during off duty hours.

Concerning classwork, the Honor System is based on the following: that a Cadet will not give, nor seek aid during an examination; that he will not give nor seek information concerning an examination he has taken, or is to take.

The latter reason is the one for which the 90 Cadets, may receive "general" discharges from the Point. A "general" discharge is neither honorable nor dishonorable and means that the Cadet being dismissed is eligible for the draft.

But what has happened at the Academy is not the shocking part of the story.

The Honor Committee had done its work which covered a period of six months before turning over the 90 Cadets to the Army. This committee is composed of a senior from each company and a representative from each class. The Cadet Captain of the Corps is head of the committee. Each company representative is responsible for passing on the honor information to his respective outfit.

The shocking part of the entire affair is the attitude expressed by members of the U. S. Senate.

Quoting from Senator Fulbright's not so bright remarks: "... It's a disgraceful situation, intercollegiate ath-

letics have become so perverted that it's a corrupting influence on all the youngsters in the big universities ..."

In the first place Senator, West Point has very few "youngsters" and the Point can hardly be classed a university; a university in the sense where fraternities, other organizations, and individuals keep files of past quizzes and are even given out of date quizzes by professors.

Yet, at West Point, the same quiz is given to the entire class. Why, as an ousted Cadet has said, "put a man on his honor then tempt him ... There was never any cheating in the classroom even with the instructor out of the room."

Do you know Senator that it is considered "cribbing" if the procedure used for a quiz (the Cadets file into a room, sit at their desks and begin the quiz without the presence of the instructor) is given out?

Ousted Cadets Victims of Commercialism?

Representative Potter (R-Mich) said, "the ousted Cadets are victims of a system of commercialism ... they have been instilled with a philosophy that their main effort should be on an athletic field ..."

"Commercialism?" ... in answer to that we say, Commercialism was first promoted on a big scale in Washington. It got to such a point that if we ever marry, we are going to run for a seat in Congress to get our wives deep freezes, fur coats, paid-for-vacations, and other small favors.

And for the latter part of your statement, we might turn to one of the Point's honor graduates, Gen. Douglas MacArthur who said, "... on the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that on other days and other fields will bear the fruits of victory ..."

And even in "The Howitzer", West Point's year book, this is said: "... for training in physical efficiency and clean sportsmanship, athletics has an importance second to no other activity at the Academy ..."

At this point we might bring in a remark by Senator Young (D-Calif.), "... an investigation is in order ..."

Senator Young is a member of the Congressional board of visitors which inspects the Point each year.

Another member of the board, Representative Doyle (D-Calif.) said he thought the Army made a thorough investigation but that he was considering recommending that the House Armed Services Committee study the Academy's efforts to build winning football teams.

We fully approve of the investigation, but not about how to build a football team but why the cribbing occurred at the Point and if the punishment the Cadets receive is just.

Said Senator Byrd (D-Va.), "This is a terrible thing ... it indicates that the moral fiber of the country is deteriorating. These young men were supposed to represent the finest in young American manhood ..."

Captain-elect of the 1951 football team and president-elect of the senior class, Harold J. Loehlein said, "We are not culprits, nor incompetents, and have not corrupted the nation's morals ... I am one of the Cadets." This is our answer to Senator Byrd.

We are for the Cadets at the Point. The 90 who have wronged, we hope, will either be allowed to stay at the Point or continue their education elsewhere. But we hope that the big wrong is corrected.

More Than One Quiz Needed

If there is any cribbing, it is being done by the institution which has not in the past 150 years devised a method of forming more than one quiz on a subject to give to the Cadets. With more than one quiz it would be easier for the Cadets to enter a classroom and take the examination; easier for tutors to tutor knowing that they can say "work this problem" knowing that they are not cheating.

Unless this change is brought about, it seems virtually impossible that the type of "cribbing" now at West Point, and a tradition at colleges and universities across America, can be wiped out.

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Youths Plan Peace ...

IN a world that is filled with external wars and internal backstabbing, it is gratifying to notice there are some people who are trying to make this a better place to live.

Young people from 63 non-communist nations sought yesterday, in the friendly atmosphere of an American college campus, to lay plans for working together toward a free and peaceful world.

President Truman called the young people "the hope of the future." Secretary of State Dean Acheson hailed the meeting as significant "because it is addressed to the future."

Hiroshima Gets Shower of Flowers

YESTERDAY a lone U. S. bomber opened its bomb bay doors and dropped flowers over Hiroshima. Six years before, another bomber had opened its bomb bay doors but not to release flowers. That plane dropped an atomic bomb that brought almost total destruction to Hiroshima.

The main target of the bomb, the once beautiful Promotion Hall, now stands like a skeleton as birds fly in and out of the shattered structure. The hall was left unrepaired as a memorial to the Japanese dead.

That memorial could easily be applied to us here at home. With the advanced accomplishments of aeronautics as they are, we should never forget that we are within striking distance of the Soviet Union if she decided to resort to an atomic war.

The people of Hiroshima need no reminder because they felt the impact of the destructiveness of an atomic attack. We should take a tip from them and never forget that it could happen to us.

This group, composed of about 500 delegates and observers, ranging in age from 18 to 30, will continue their meeting through Aug. 16 at Cornell University.

The World Assembly of Youth was founded in 1948 as a forum for exchanging ideas and information in the cause of peace and implementing the United Nations' declaration of human rights. It is accredited to the U. N. as a non-governmental, consultative organization.

In his message to the youths, President Truman told them "the experience you are gaining in working together, despite barriers of language, customs, background, will prepare you for responsible participation and creative leadership in the world of the future." This statement was read to the delegates by Edward J. Barrett Assistant U. S. Secretary of State for Public Affairs.

Secretary Acheson, whose statement also was recorded by Barrett, said that "every opportunity in which people of different lands can come together and consult about their problems is important. Every such thread is woven into the fabric of community and common understanding."

This meeting should be heralded from all parts of every freedom loving nation. To see our faults is not enough, we must do something about them.

Outside the accident, we really know little of our contemporary peoples in other nations. For instance, our understanding of the Orient is sometimes hampered by a "so-called-knowledge" that does not correspond with reality.

To live in complete harmony with the rest of the world, we must have complete understanding of their peoples. What better way is there than to start while the people are young so they may pass on their ideas as they grow older.

Which Is Worse?

McCarthy-Benton Launch Name-Calling Squabble

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Senator Benton (D-Conn) suggested yesterday that Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) resign. Otherwise Benton told the Senate, McCarthy ought to be kicked out for the good of the people and the Senate.

McCarthy came in fast from his corner. "Connecticut's mental midget!" he hurled at Benton "While Benton was assistant secretary of state, he worked hand in glove with the crimson clique who have been so bad for America and so good for Communist Russia." His reply was in a statement handed to newsmen.

Benton fathered a resolution asking the Rules Committee especially to study McCarthy's part in the 1950 senatorial election in Maryland, and his other acts since becoming a senator with a view to expelling him from the Senate.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, GOP floor leader, quickly pounced on Benton's move, calling it "un-

fair" and accusing Benton of having "only political motives in mind."

An elections subcommittee last Friday criticized McCarthy for his part in the Maryland campaign, in which John Marshall Butler, a Republican, defeated democratic incumbent Millard Tydings. The subcommittee deplored what it called "a despicable 'back street' type of campaign" against Tydings.

Political Foes
McCarthy and Tydings were through-going political foes, due to Tydings' direction of a Senate investigation of McCarthy's charges of Communism in government. Tydings and others making up the majority of the inquiry committee found that McCarthy's charges were "a fraud and a hoax." McCarthy has said Tydings whitewashed those he accused.

McCarthy, in his statement, said: "Tonight Benton has established himself as the hero of every Communist and crook in and out of government."

"Benton today has performed the important service of helping properly label the administration branch of the Democratic Party as the party which stands for government of, by, and for Communists, crooks, and cronies."

"Lucky for Country"
"Lucky for this country that Connecticut's mental midget does not run the Senate. Benton will learn that the people of Connecticut do not like Communists and crooks in government any more than the people of Maryland like them."
"The campaign in Maryland exposed the whitewash of the Communists in government."

Communists Avoid Truce Breakdown

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THE Communists in Korea have demonstrated again they want to take no chances on a complete truce negotiations breakdown.

The week-end disruption over a technical matter, the prompt and firm U. S. stand and the equally prompt Communist correction, adds to evidence that the enemy is really seeking an end to the fighting. Whether or not the Communists will feel able, eventually, to meet minimum allied demands remains to be seen. The question has boiled down to what price they are willing to pay.

The Communists are trying to avoid political losses which go with establishment of a new dividing line in Korea North of the one which existed before the North Korean attempt to take over South Korea. But they are going to have to accede on that to get a truce.

The allies already have decided size of the payment they are willing to make. It is the abandonment of the idea of Korean unification by military means, and acceptance of the prospect of long-drawn negotiations for an ultimate settlement which seems unlikely any time soon.

The new evidence of Communist desires for an end to the Korean fighting, however, seems to have led to hearing on Red long range policy. The Communists go right ahead with their basic preparations for world conquest.

A new hate campaign has been launched among hundreds of thousands of Communist youth at a "peace" congress in Berlin. Internal propaganda against the United States continues in Russia with unabated bitterness. The trade war in Berlin is getting worse. Stirred by signs of possible settlement between Iran and Britain, Russia has begun a propaganda campaign month.

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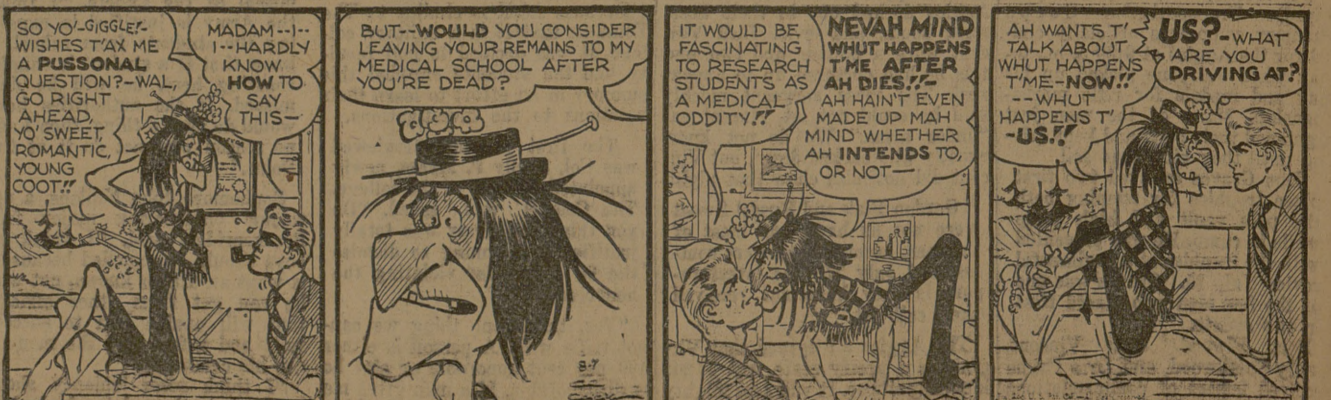
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