

Association Binds Students Together

By J. B. 'DICK' HERVEY Executive Secretary

The Association of Former Students is the official organization binding together alumni of Texas A&M College.

Any man who enrolls in a regular course of study here, whether his length of stay be one week or eight semesters, is eligible for membership automatically when he leaves school.

After Graduation

Upon graduation, the young former student may continue his association with the College and fellow former students by becoming affiliated with one of the 169 A&M Clubs which are scattered around the world.

The club officers and leaders are keenly interested in the young A&M graduate's active participation in the affairs and program of the club.

The official publication of the Association is The Texas Aggie, a seven column newspaper published twenty times a year as a means of keeping the former student current.

Annual Contribution

The Texas A&M Development Fund is its only financial activity of the Association. To this fund, A&M men make an annual contribution of whatever amount they can to provide some of those extra things for the College which are not otherwise available.

The Development Fund was originally started in 1942. Since that time initial funds were provided for the construction of the magnificent Memorial Student Center, a building long needed on the A&M campus.

The first major scholarships program in the Southwest, the Opportunity Award Scholarship Program, was initiated by the gifts of former students to this Fund.

Opportunity Awards

While the former students, through their contributions to this Fund, made available the first Opportunity Awards, many individuals followed our example and more than doubled the number originally made available.

The Former Students Endowed Scholarship Trust Fund is another project of the Development Fund. It will provide a scholarship

for an outstanding student every year forever. Other projects of the Development Fund have been new flags and standards for the Cadet Corps, A Directory of Former Students, dress rifles for the Cadet Corps, the Accumulation of historical material about the College and an 18-hole student golf course.

This year, former students' gifts to the Development Fund will finance the publication of a full-length book about the College. The nationally known author, George Sessions Perry, is writing the story. Gun cases for the famous Metzger gun collection, recently presented to the College, will also be provided.

The Loan Fund maintained by the Association of Former Students will be of interest to the prospective student and student already enrolled. These funds are available for loans to students who need assistance in paying college fees and expenses.

Marshall Retires Again . . .

"DIPLOMATIC action, without the backing of military strength in the present world can lead only to appeasement."

General George Catlett Marshall, quiet, soft-spoken, modest—said the above while testifying before a Senate Armed Services Committee in 1948.

Time upon time, President Truman has said that Marshall is "the outstanding man of the war period."

Reason enough for that can be shown in the service which the 71-year-old Virginian has rendered to his country.

Always a staunch advocate of a "permanent citizen army which could be ready for mobilization on moments notice", Marshall is leaving a post which he has held for 14 months and at a time when mobilization of United States troops seem to be tending to slack.

Will Marshall again have to be called from retirement?

After having helped to direct the great effort of the western world to win the peace on the fields of battle, he was called upon to take a leading role in the effort to preserve the peace in strengthening democracy abroad.

It was while Secretary of State, a post he held for two years, that the soldier-statesman conceived the Marshall plan which in four years was already a \$17,000,000,000 undertaking.

He left this post because of a kidney operation, then later served as chairman of the American Red Cross before being named Secretary of Defense.

It can be with little doubt that the nation

agrees wholeheartedly with President Truman in saying . . . "with great reluctance (accept his resignation) . . . no man has given his country more distinguished and patriotic service than have you . . . you have earned your retirement many fold and I wish you many good years at Leesburg. . ."

To this we add, ". . . may your retirement see the coming of a world of peace, one which you strived so hard to attain. . ."

Go to Church

MONDAY morning will mark the beginning of a new school year for more than 6,000 A&M students. It will also mark the beginning of a college career for the newly arrive 1,600 freshmen.

It is not too early for the incoming students to notice the efforts put forth and the profits to be gained from the churches of the local community.

Almost every denomination is represented in either Bryan or College Station and surely no where can there be found a more progressive movement than that shown by the local churches.

Added improvements and new buildings add to the physical attraction of the churches but the spiritual attraction will be the same here as it is in any student's home town.

We remember when our first Sunday rolled around at A&M. It then seemed to us that we could at last sleep late on Sunday. But we found out that attending church is the one way to find comfort and relief from the world around us.

It's a good habit to get into, and pardon us if we quote, "Attend the church of your choice Sunday . . . Take your problems, millions leave them there. . ."

Interpreting The News

USSR Starts Propaganda Campaign Against France

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. AP News Analyst

Soviet Russia has just launched another propaganda blast at France in an effort to interfere with the accord now being worked out for Germany by the tri-people foreign ministers meeting at Washington.

If France goes ahead with plans for incorporating West Germany into the Western European defense system, the Russians imply, then she need not expect Russia to honor the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact negotiated in 1944. That pact was directed against a revived Germany.

The fact that old European enemies are being forced to form a united front by Russia's aggressive intentions is, of course, ignored

by the Kremlin propagandists. The Russians are wise, of course, to direct a part of their blast at the Schuman plan as well as at the Plevin plan for a unified European army including Germany.

The Schuman plan is what the French rely on to prevent Germany, which it will operate in one of the most amazing documents ever drawn in Europe. It is designed, its title page says, to create "a European coal and steel community."

The members of an international managing authority are instructed to "exercise their functions in complete independence, in

the general interest of the community.

"In the fulfillment of their duties, they shall neither solicit nor accept instructions from any government or from any organization. They will abstain from all conduct incompatible with the supranational character of their function."

A few years ago, nobody would have believed it. That's what Russian pressure has done for the solidification of Europe since the war. If Russia is worried about the future of her expansionist program, she has good cause.

Actually the latest Russian attack is nothing new. It is almost word for word a repetition of what she had to say before she proved at the recent Paris conference that she was no more ready than ever for a European settlement. That conference was part of her effort to block or delay German rearmament, just as she has made talk about the new Japanese peace treaty leading to war.

The broadcast early Wednesday referred again to what the Reds call allied efforts to turn Hitler away from the West and toward Russia in 1939, but never is there any mention of the Russian-German pact by which Hitler was turned against the West and Poland partitioned between the two totalitarian partners.

Russia will hardly attract much attention in France or elsewhere with this new blast. The facts of life are becoming too well known everywhere. If she wants to stop the rearming of Germany and everybody else, she has been told how. All she has to do is stop doing like she does.

Senator Tells of Force Of New Atomic Weapons

Washington, Sept. 13—(AP)—Senator McMahon (D-Conn) said yesterday the destructive fury of America's atomic weapons is "truly fantastic . . . a frightful threat" that dwarfs anything previously known to man.

McMahon, chairman of the Senate-House Atomic Committee, made the statement to newsmen on emerging from an "important" closed-door session with members of the Atomic Energy Commission. Tight-mouthed as to details, McMahon told reporters:

"We have made truly remarkable progress in the development of atomic weapons. The destructive power in the atomic stockpile today is by any standards we have previously known truly fantastic."

McMahon shied away from any comment about new weapons, but it was noted that in speaking of progress he used the word "development"—a hint perhaps of greatly improved weapons—rather than mere production.

The exact size of the nation's (See WEAPONS ARE, Page 5)

The Battalion

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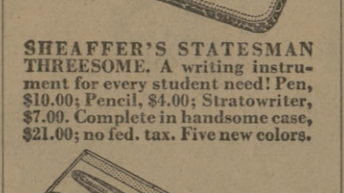
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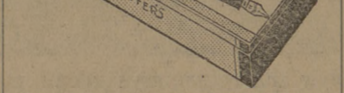
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