

Authority Misused

IN SETTING up any order, the commander must take into consideration what will happen if there is an exception or a violation of the rule.

Bringing it closer to home, it is a problem that is confronting the cadet leaders.

A short time ago the corps leaders set up a system of afternoon bullring. This was published under the order setting up company punishment.

Under one of the numbered paragraphs of the order it specified that a man would not be given more than one hour per offense nor would he be made to walk more than two afternoons a week.

This ruling has not been carried out. There are men who are getting more than one hour per offense. So as not to pull an illustration out of the air take the case of one junior who was ill and did not make a yell practice.

His company commander looked upon this as a serious crime and worthy of the most severe penalty. In the past times he would have ordered the junior to his room and administered corporal punishment.

This company commander gave the junior twelve hours on the afternoon bullring. No interpretation of the order could make this punishment justifiable—a man can not get over one hour per offense.

When queried about the punishment, the junior said, if he did not get the hours all at once he would probably get them for a dirty sink twelve days in a row.

Now we are attempting to say the punishment was out of keeping with the breach of Aggie rules. But we are saying, it is a breach of the ruling.

The corps leaders must decide now whether or not the new order gives them enough room to administer a just punishment. If it doesn't, let them ask for an expansion on the order. If the order is not to be changed, let each of the company commanders follow it.

Religion is a great blessing if you really have it but it can be a nuisance if you only think you have it.

Conduct Commendable

HOUSTON WAS a town of disappointment. The Aggies were unhappy because they lost a football game. But there was also another person in Houston that was unhappy for another reason.

He was a reporter for one of the big papers in the city. He was waiting around the police station for some Aggies to be arrested. He is unhappy. No Aggies, by an unofficial check, were arrested for any violation of the rules of the city of Houston which warranted taking them to the Police Station.

This is a commendable turn of events, not saying that any Aggies should have been jailed or have been jailed in the past. The student body conducted itself in a commendable manner throughout the weekend.

It is surprising to find this out, because any student body that loses a ball game is generally a discontented group.

Adding it all up we say, "Men you did a swell job of representing the school."

Progress: The old man who used to brag about doing thirty miles an hour has a son who brags about 350 an hour.

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Sancity of Individuals Violated In Atrocity Killings in Korea

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New York—(AP)—There is no parallel in American history to the cold-blooded massacre of some 5,500 U.S. prisoners of war by the Communists in Korea.

It is by far the greatest atrocity committed against our nation since its founding. It negates the principles upon which our republic is built—the value of individual and human rights.

In the seven-year struggle to achieve American independence the U.S. Army estimates "at least 4,044 American soldiers were killed" in battle.

Yet in less than a year-and-a-half of the "police action" in Korea the enemy has murdered in cold blood more than 5,500 captured and defenseless American troops. They have murdered more

Americans than died to make us a free people.

The figure is almost too shocking to comprehend. For these outright murders of our men are only a small fraction of our total Korean casualties—now at the 100,000 mark.

And the murders of our men are only a small fraction of the murders committed by the Reds among captured South Korean troops and the South Korean civilian population.

But the number of disarmed Americans they have brutally shot down or clubbed to death makes the Custer Massacre of the Indian wars or the Malmedy Massacre of the last world war look like misdemeanors.

These endless, fruitless and useless slayings by the Chinese and North Korean Reds must put before civilization mankind again its oldest question—does human life hold any dignity, or must peoples feed upon each other as animals?

The 20th century mind, brought up in a time of atrocity, is dulled to the very word atrocity. It tends to regard atrocity and propaganda as the same word.

There are people today who already are willing to believe that Hitler's human death factories were only legends.

Gen. George S. Patton was aware of people's tendency to shrug away distasteful facts. When his Third Army captured a Nazi concentration camp, he forced the civilian population of the nearest town to walk through the camp and gaze at the inmates—the piled dead, the starving living. He wanted them to remember forever what their

government did to helpless men.

These massacres in Korea are no more legendary than the massacres of Hitler, and no more to be condoned.

In the prison at Taejon in Sept. 1950, I saw the corpses of 400 civilians shot by the retreating Reds. What crimes had these dead folk committed? The crime of many consisted in the fact that they owned a rice paddy, were landlords or merely had remained indifferent to the Communist cause.

In the courtyard of the Taejon city jail I watched as they dug out the bodies of a line of American soldier prisoners. They had been tied together at the wrists, forced to kneel in a quickly dug ditch, then shot down. Two of the American boys died holding each other in a final handclasp.

There have been scores of massacres like this in Korea, some smaller, some larger. How can these dead soldiers ever rest easy in their graves until America does something about it?

A Dog's Life

Cold Monday Finds Roomey Love Sick

By LESTER McIVER
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You know it's funny about these fillies—a fellow never knows exactly where he stands with 'em. One minute he thinks he has her right in the palm of his hand—and bingo there she goes leading him around by the nose.

Well something like this always pops up after every corps trip. A fellow goes to the big city with all the hope in the world.

A couple of nights later he heads back to the institution with all the energy and ambition of a broiled oyster. Take for instance the case of my roommate.

He got ready to go down to the big city on the corps trip. Roomy isn't the type of fellow to worry much. He'd been going with this gal for some time and as a matter of fact he didn't even bother to go through the formal channels of asking for a date.

The last time he was in the big city he just said, I'll pick you up in time for the dance . . . and that was it.

Now I don't know what it is, but something like that just seems to rub a gal the wrong way.

Guess it all gets down to the simple rule a girl is not to be taken for granted. But why—well, but it is just one of the things you have to take into account when you think, talk, or dream about the female of the species.

But all of the philosophizing in the world won't ever cure that feeling you get when you start heading back to the campus. You just kinda sit back and look at the lights squirtin around the columns of the Administration Building and think—those damned women—I'm through with them . . . I'll die before I look at another one.

Well now I guess you know just about how roomy felt when he came back to the campus this weekend.

I had to help him off with his boots and remind him not to step on the laundry bundle on the floor . . . guess I spoke to him just a little too harshly, because he started out telling me about women . . . (both the specific kind and the general kind.

After a while he started talking about the woman. It seems as if this gal he had been carrying the torch for just looked at him carrying the torch and laughed. This puts out even the biggest fire in a man.

Well Roomy is down in the dumps. All he does is just sit and look at the snap shot picture he has of her and says . . . nope I'd better not tell you what he says on account the lino-type operator takes this copy home for his wife to read.

But it all adds up to this—What makes women the fickle delectable creatures they are? I asked Roomy to answer this question and all he would say was—Goodnite.

Lovers Overcome Trials In MGM's 'American In Paris'

By FRANK DAVIS
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"An American in Paris," starring Gene Kelly, Oscar Levant, George Guetary, Nina Fock, and introducing Leslie Caron. Directed by Vincent Minnelli and produced by Arthur Freed, MGM. Showing through Saturday at the Queen.

Love at first sight still happens realistically in the movies. Boy meets girl. Something in the mind snaps and says "this is it."

That's the way it was when Jerry (Gene Kelly), an American ex-GI painter in Paris, saw Lisa (Leslie Caron) sitting at another table in a French cafe. Lisa, being a nice girl, at first

resisted the advances of Jerry, but force of personality eventually won her resistance down. Conflict entered the plot, when Jerry learned Lisa was going to marry George Guetary, a French Al Jolson, who had "nearly saved her life" during the war.

While Lisa was picking up husbands, Jerry was picking up admirers, ie, a rich sun tan oil heiress (Nina Fock), who just loved to sponsor talented artists, musicians, or whoever might come along.

Then there was unforgettable Oscar Levant to complete the main cast in "An American in Paris." As the misunderstood concert pianist who had never given a concert, Levant only had to act naturally to be convincing.

Complications rapidly worked themselves out to a happy ending which delights any audience. Jerry and Lisa return to each other arms after Guetary nobly stepped aside. Levant and Miss Fock are lost in the shuffle.

Besides the brilliant photography, realistic street scenes, and song and dance routines, one magnificent thing was done in the movie.

The fantastic workings of the human mind were illuminated, revealing in each instance the hidden depths in the actor's personality. Utilizing the full effects of imagination, Jerry's mind, in the land of make believe, saw himself as a pursued male, sought by all females except the one he loved.

Finally in his escape from reality, Jerry won the lady of his heart, but this was followed by a cold awakening. Of course, the cold awakening was followed by a warm reaction when Lisa returned to his arms.

Levant, in an unforgettable scene, imagined himself as the misunderstood genius. Via the vehicle of imagination, Levant pictured a concert hall, with himself as the composer, director, orchestra members, and critics. Needless to say he was acclaimed by all during his mental escapade.

LETTERS

Down With Stripes

Editor, The Battalion:

Has anyone seriously considered the cost of sewing stripes on shirts of all non-commissioned officers? The average NCO would have to have about ten sets of stripes sewed on his different uniforms (five issued shirts, a field jacket, and a blouse). Most cadets have at least two shirts of their own and a green shirt and a summer serge shirt.

Let alone the cost of sewing, the stripes would cost each man six dollars. Sewing incidentally costs as much as the stripes. Throughout the corps this would cost several thousand dollars. Undoubtedly, this is good news to the different alteration shops and we wonder who else. Is there a nigger in the wood pile?

As long as we are in the stripe business, let's give the fish and sophomores private stripes so that we can recognize our subordinates, as they are supposed to recognize their superiors.

Incidentally, could you tell us where we can get some rubber cement for gluing stripes on raincoats. We expect a "new army" order any day now.

In closing we offer two more suggestions: 1. lighter material for stripes on underwear, and 2. a low rate for tattooing.

P. S. Does the colonel of the corps have a different set of diamonds for each shirt, blouse, and field jacket?

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Day-Night Fighter Fleet In AF Future

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Washington, Nov. 19—(AP)—The Air Force is beginning to build toward a new interceptor fleet in which all fighter planes instead of only a few will have electronic eyes for hunting down enemy bombers in any kind of weather, day or night.

Discussing the trend toward the "all-weather" fighter force, one official commented today that it did not seem to make sense to have interceptor planes which can work only in daylight and in good visual conditions.

Back of his comment was the fact that the best conditions for a modern bomber force, equipped with radar bomb sight, is in the blanketing protection of darkness and clouds.

The move toward a complete all-weather force started some time ago, but now is being accelerated in the USAF's new aircraft procurement program. Quantities of all-weather fighters are on order to add to planes already delivered.

Urgency

Revision of estimates during the last two years of Russia's strategic bombing capabilities have given urgency to an effort to provide the air defense command with a complete force of interceptors capable of operating at any time under any conditions. Russia has added large numbers of long range bombers, based on the American B-29 design, to her strategic force and has demonstrated she now has the atomic bomb.

Strategists assume that if Russian navigation and radar equipment has progressed at the pace of the Soviet bomber and jet fighter

er progress, Red airmen would be able to make a surprise strike timed to bring the bombers in over the United States under cover of darkness and, if possible, in cloud cover.

An alert from the radar warning net, construction of which is nearing completion, therefore might be flashed at night. Whatever the flying conditions, the interceptor force would have to go into action instantly.

All Weather Fighter

The Soviet Air Force reportedly has in use at least one type of all-weather fighter to bolster Russia's defense against attack—a twin-jet Lavochkin night fighter. Also, in recent months, there has been some indication that the day fighter MIG-15's are using at least some airborne radar equipment in working against American B-29's and jet fighters.

Three Types

The U. S. Air Force now has in operation three types of all-weather fighters, two of them jets—the Lockheed F-94C and Northrop F-89, and the piston-engine, twin Mustang North American F-82, an older plane outclassed by the jets' speed.

Currently, test models of the North American F-86 sabre, the day fighter which has had the most frequent duels with Soviet-made MIG-15's over Korea, are being tried as night fighters. Radar equipment has been fitted into the nose of the new series, designated as F-86D.

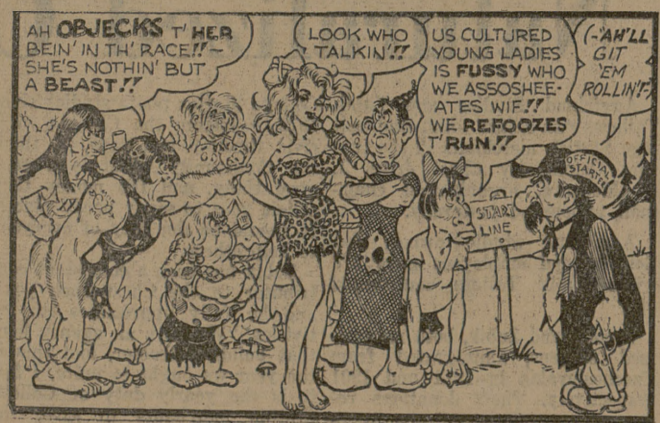
Deepest of several underwater canyons in the Pacific is the Mindanao Trench, four times the area of the Grand Canyon.

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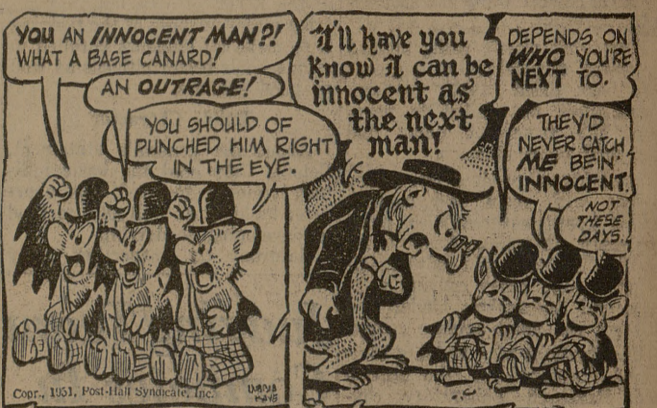


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