

## Society Off Base College Not Needed

IN LIGHT of the large number of men on probation, we wonder if it isn't time to consider some of the things that put a man on the dean's team.

Certainly the biggest single reason for a man being on the list with 1,832 of his friends, is lack of study. This is one thing that claims students and the students will not argue about.

But certainly there are other things to consider when trying to figure out just "Wha Hoppin'."

Maybe not all of the teachers we have here are top quality men. It is entirely possible for the men who are hired to spread out a little learning are not doing a good enough job.

It is entirely possible they are not asking the same things in class as they ask on their examinations. As one student said—he covers the course, what he doesn't cover in class he covers on the examinations.

This might be a contributing factor. What could be done to remedy this situation? Well firing a few of them would go a long way in helping the students.

But assuming that the trouble lie with with the instructor or the student's time in study. We have another way to turn.

Maybe our whole society is off base. Maybe we are trying to cram too much college down too many throats. This seems to be a very plausible reason.

There are men entering school every year—and there is no reason to think this is any exception—just to please their parents or to gain social prestige. For these men in many cases, there is little hope. If they are not equipped mentally to handle the work covered in college—what can they do?

However, our society has begun to look upon a college education as a necessary thing. It is what every well dressed man or woman must have along with the shorts and stockings.

But is it necessary? We still have to have plumbers, carpenters, and brick masons.

A possible solution might be to be a little rougher and get rid of the men who are not qualified for college work. It is worth considering.

## Jury Probe Into Tax Scandal Held Up

Washington, Dec. 18—(AP)—The start of a grand jury inquiry into Abraham Teitelbaum's story of an alleged attempt to shake him down for \$500,000 in exchange for relief from tax troubles appeared likely today to be delayed until next month.

The White House, meanwhile, maintained secrecy on details of the "drastic action" promised by President Truman to sweep wrongdoers out of the Federal government, reportedly with U. S. Judge Thomas F. Murphy of New York wielding the broom.

And the House Ways and Means Subcommittee whose hearings figured largely in Mr. Truman's decision arranged to question on Thursday Henry Grunewald, about whom some mystery developed in its previous sessions.

William P. Maloney of New York, Grunewald's attorney, said Grunewald may be released some time today from Georgetown University Hospital here. He is under subpoena and Adrian Dewind, counsel to the subcommittee, said he is due to appear Thursday.

Dewind declined to elaborate, but it was regarded that at least the initial questioning of Grunewald would be behind closed doors. The group last week wound up its presently scheduled open sessions.

Grunewald was hospitalized when the subcommittee sought to question him earlier. One thing members have said they want to ask him about is a \$1,300 loan which Charles Oliphant, recently resigned chief counsel of the Internal Revenue Bureau, has listed as a debt to Grunewald.

The grand jury inquiry, promised by Attorney General McGrath, is aimed at finding out who lied under oath to the subcommittee about the alleged tax shakedown. Teitelbaum, a wealthy Chicago attorney, accused Bert K. Naster and Frank Nathan of offering to help him out of tax troubles if he paid them \$500,000.

Naster, a Miami electrical engineer, and Nathan, Pittsburgh promoter, categorically denied Teitelbaum's story.

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### Britisher Says

## Egypt Important Defense Link

(Editor's note: This is the fourth of a series of articles expressing the opinions of British Consul-General James T. Henderson, who spoke recently at the MSC.)

When we review the history of Britain's relations with Egypt, we must make some attempt to assess the motives which led both countries to act as they did. It is too easy to call each other names, for Britain to say that the Egyptians are a mere incompetent mob and for the Egyptians to reply that Britain is an imperialistic land-grabber.

One must look at the march of events of which the operations in the Eastern Mediterranean were only a part.

Egypt's first importance to Britain was during Britain's life and death struggle with Napoleon. Napoleon had succeeded, as the Germans did in 1940, in getting control of the Continent of Europe and his strategy was to outflank Russia from the South by overcoming Turkey.

The Germans tried to do exactly the same thing in 1940. Both failed and both were broken by the immensity of the Russian distances and by the tenacity of the Russian soldier.

It was necessary for Napoleon to transport his troops by sea across the Mediterranean and so it was necessary for Britain to keep naval control of that sea, hence the British attack on the French fleet at Aboukir Bay and the landing of British troops at Acre.

### Defense Flank

Egypt was the flank of the defense line against Napoleon and the French were trying to turn that flank, so the British prevented it. The Egyptians themselves were quite unimportant and purely incidental to a military operation. They just happened to be there.

Egypt next acquired strategic importance in World War I when Allied supplies and troops from India and the Southern Dominions were coming through the Suez Canal.

The Turks tried to prevent this and were decisively defeated by Allenby in his magnificent campaign from the only base which one could use for that purpose, i. e. Egypt. If it had been possible to operate out of any other base, we would no doubt have done so and in fact tried to do so at the Dardanelles.

### Rommel Attacks

In World War II the attack on the Suez Canal came from the other side. Rommel and his fleet of tanks attacked Egypt's western frontier. No Egyptian troops took part in defending their own country. Rommel might have won, and very nearly did. He was stopped at Alamein by British, Indian, South African, Australian and New Zealand troops—who used the Suez Canal to get there.

If the Egyptians could not defend their own country on the West, why should they be so much better at doing so on the East? In 1941 they were very happy for the 1936 Treaty, which they have now denounced.

### Assumes Importance

Egypt again is assuming strategic importance. The West are building a defense line from the Arctic to the Indian Ocean.

We have just taken in Greece and Turkey as full members of the North Atlantic Defense Organization. It is America's defense line as well as Britain's. And what do we see?

Even though there is still no hot war, we see the Soviets nibbling at both ends of the line. Why are they fussing about Spitzbergen? Why are they bullying the inoffensive Norwegians, using ridiculous excuses such as that Nor-

wegians are desecrating Russian soldiers' graves. They have desecrated the many other peoples' lives. And in the South, who is causing trouble in Persia? Who is causing the ferment in the Middle East? Who is trying to turn our flank?

In World War II the French built a Maginot Line up to the Belgian frontier. The Belgians were going to remain neutral. So the Maginot Line did not need to be carried along the Franco-Belgian frontier to the coast.

But what happened to Belgian neutrality? It was just too bad for the Belgians and the Dutch. Just as in World War III (if it should come) it will be just too bad for the Middle East and the Egyptians.

The Egyptians seem to rely on their distance from the Russian frontier and, of course, they could buy time with other people's space, but the Egyptian record against the armies of Israel is not such as to inspire the confidence of the United States and Britain in leaving an unprotected flank in the hands of such people.

If the Egyptians get beaten by a million Israelis, whose country is new, unorganized, divided against itself in many cases, and very poor, how do they expect to withstand the onslaught of the hosts of Russia?

And, if they do not have to, who is going to do it for them? Are they relying upon the Persians, The Lebanon? No! They expect that the Western Allies will come rushing to their aid.

### Allies Busy

You do not need General Eisenhower to tell you that the Western Allies will be pretty busy withstanding the onslaught of 160 divisions with high fire power along the rest of the front from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean.

Unless some appropriation is made, all the work, effort, expense and blood put into the defense of the rest of the line will be completely wasted. Our oil-fields would be gone, our line of communications would be cut and what Churchill called "the soft underbelly" of Europe would be exposed.

Again I say I am sorry that the Egyptians happen to live there, but they do, and as they appear to have been beaten in every war which they undertook in the last 3,000 years, it cannot inspire one with much confidence in leaving the gateway of Africa in their hands.

But the Egyptians are also a people and it is not the British way to write off any people in the world. If it had been, you would not see the British Commonwealth slowly developing from a Colonial Empire into a family of self-governing nations.

So, we offered Egypt—Egypt, I said, equality with United States, France with her wonderful military traditions, Turkey, whom the Russians have never beaten, and ourselves, who have still got a few claws, even if the British lion is shown in the newspaper cartoons as being old and toothless.

So far, it has refrained from un-sheathing those claws and when the Egyptians have stabbed our soldiers in the back in dark streets, have shot, with machine guns, at women and children doing their morning shopping, have tried to

### New Pea Variety Developed by Prof

Crean 40, a new variety of southern pea, has been developed by Dr. W. H. Brittingham, professor of horticulture at A&M. The new variety was developed from a cross between extra early blackeye and a viny, midseason, commercial cream variety.

## Tanks Fire On Crookedness In Government Egypt Snipers Comes Partly From Public

Ismailia, Egypt, Dec. 18—(AP)—Four big British Centurion tanks exchanged fire before dawn today with Egyptian terrorists blamed for killing one and wounding three British Royal military police here last night.

The tanks and armored vehicles sped into the city to retrieve a jeep abandoned by the military police after it was ambushed by sniping and bombing near the Ismailia police headquarters.

The city has been one of the bloodiest trouble spots in the Suez Canal zone dispute since mid-October.

The victims were brought out by a second M.P. jeep that escaped the firing.

Both jeeps were returning to the British base at Moascar from the Lake Timsah camp on the far side of Ismailia.

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 18—(AP)—Before public interest in the government scandals subsides there will be more investigations and, probably, more irregularities exposed. But the interest, public shock, investigations and exposures will be a farical, short-time result unless steps are taken to make future crookedness tougher.

President Truman said he'll try to make it harder for government employes to have outside interests. That should help, by cutting off some of the avenues that lead to crookedness or "indiscretions."

But making crookedness more difficult won't keep crooks out, no matter whether Democrats or Republicans are in the saddle, since government employes are recruited from the general population and a

certain percentage of the population is full of larceny.

Government attorneys who handle tax cases, will show you that the overwhelming percentage of tax frauds are committed by people who have been considered pillars of their community.

A special committee of the Senate was set up to study problems of ethics in government and it reported:

"No group in society is in a position to point the finger of scorn at others. Influence peddlers can exist only as long as businessmen or others are willing to patronize them."

"Favoritism can be a problem

only when individual men and women seek favors of the government. Gifts, improper pressure, and bribes come from outside the government, from individuals, organizations, and from groups which are part of what we call the "public."

Several months ago the House Subcommittee investigating the tax scandals requested that all internal revenue bureau employes be ordered to fill out a questionnaire showing all their income. This was done.

But members of Congress themselves have shown remarkable lethargy in disclosing their income or sources.

## Sixty-Eight Per Cent Drink MS Class Survey Reveals

A survey was made recently in a Military Science class where 91 boys were asked questions pertaining to their habits as to drinking alcoholic drinks.

The survey showed 68 per cent of the men interviewed do drink. Fifty-eight per cent drink for social reasons—drinking only when

they are with friends or at parties. Twenty per cent of the 68 per cent drink because they do not want to be out of place, they said.

Of those who do drink, 80 per cent drink both beer and whiskey, and the other 20 per cent alternate each of the two alcoholic drinks. (See SURVEY, Page 4)

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WELL, BEAUT! HOW'D OL' MOONSHINE SONATA MAKE OUT SINGIN' TO MIZ MAM'ELLE HEPZIBAH? AAWWWW... BAWWWW... GAMES!

WHAT A LAUGH... CHRISTMAS IS COMIN', SO SHE TRIES TO GIMME SOME STUFF SHE MADE. I KNEW IT WAS JUST A HINT FOR ME TO GIVE HER SOME-THIN'... I TURNER IT DOWN!

I AIN'T SNIFFIN' NOBODY'S DUST, KID... THE GALS GOTTA GIT UP MIGHTY EARLY TO GIT AHEAD OF OL' BEAU!

DOES OLD BEAU EVER FIGGER THAT, CONSIDERIN' WHERE HE'S GOIN', MAYBE NOBODY WANTS TO GET THERE FIRST OF LAST?

HEIGH! POGO, US IS READY TO PRACTICE UP THE CAROLS. IS YOU IS? DECK US ALL WITH BOSTON CHARLIE WALLA WALLA WASH, AN KALANAZOO! NORA'S FREEZIN' ON TH' TROLLEY, SWALLER DOLLAR CAULIFLOWER, ALLEGAROO!

HOW CAN YOU LISTEN TO THOSE WORDS? THEY IS WAY OFF! WHO LISTENS TO THE WORDS?

MAN'S BEST FRIEND, THE NOBLE DOG, LIES BASKING ON THE HEARTH OF THE HEART... THEY BEEN WARMIN' OVER THAT CARL SINCE 1948 AND IT STILL FITS COZY ON MY EAR.

LET'S TRY GOOD GUY SAUERKRAUT NEXT. WISE GUY, HUH?

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IF I CAN'T GO TO DAT PARTY, I'LL BANG DIS BRICK DOWN ON ME HEAD. AN' YOUSE KNOWS WHAT DAT'LL DO!

IT'LL BLOW YOU UP, AND THE ENTIRE ESTATE WITH YOU! COOKS—VERY WELL, I'LL SNEAK YOU IN SOMEHOW!

SNEAK ME IN?—NO, MRS. VAN GOLDBRICK—I GOT BRIDESIT! I WANT ME HOSTESS TO INVITE ME—POISONALLY. I'LL BE WAITIN' AT DE POOLROOM!

MRS. VAN GOLDBRICK?—TO INVITE A BUM?—I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT I MAY HAVE TO USE FORCE ON HER.

DON'T BE ALARMED, DARLINGS!—IT'S MERELY FEARLESS FOSDICK, THE FEARLESS FOSDICK, THE FEARLESS FOSDICK. HE'S PROBABLY COME HERE TO GUARD THE SILVER!

CHOKO!—(IN THE OLD DAYS, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN TRUE)—UNFORTUNATELY MRS. VAN GOLDBRICK, I AM NO LONGER A DETECTIVE. I WAS RECENTLY UNJUSTLY DISMISSED FROM THE FORCE.

BUT I MUST GO ON DOING MY DUTY AS I SEE IT—AND SO, KINDLY ACCOMPANY ME TO SLUGGY'S POOLROOM!

HOW? MRS. VAN GOLDBRICK DOES NOT PLAY POOL WITH EVERY TOM, DICK, AND HARRY!

LET US HAVE NO MORE SENSELESS CHIT-CHAT, IF YOU PLEASE!

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