

Soul Searching

THERE COMES a time in the life of every institution or organization when it is well for that group to take stock of themselves and see what is going on. This is the case with the Student governing bodies of A&M.

Just a quick glance at the organizational structure of the groups does not give the true picture of what is going on, or what the short-comings are. However, when a person investigates the situation he might come to the conclusion that the student government is just a sub-committee of the senior class or of the basic division officer corps.

If a person doesn't see this after investigating the situation he might come to the conclusion that the senate, for an example, is not a representative body in practice. With one exception the lower two classes are left out of active membership. Should this be the conclusion of the person looking at the group he would likely come up with the suggestion that the membership insure a fair representation for all classes. Such a person might even suggest the constitution be revised.

At the same time another person looking at the senate might say the members do not know what they are empowered to do. Their opinion would be based on the records where the senate has passed resolutions and has not carried them out.

But with these things showing on the surface there is the indication that there should be a review of the entire student governing set-up at A&M. And such a review should be a carefully considered job.

Should the members of the governing organizations be alarmed about the situation they are the logical place for the review to start.

Wisdom is never dear, provided the article be genuine
—Greeley.

McCloy Predicts German Disaster

Bonn, Germany, Feb. 27—(AP)—U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy today predicted "general disaster" unless reviving German nationalism is halted. He accused most of West Germany's political parties and even some cabinet ministers of fostering the revival.

It was McCloy's sharpest warning to date against the trend to nationalism.

It came in his quarterly report to the State Department. Commenting on another aspect of the German scene, McCloy said East Germany's controlled economy in its fight for industrial self-sufficiency during 1951 may have equaled the 1936 output in that section.

In West Germany, he added, industrial production is at a higher rate than in any pre-war year and West Berlin's economic activity has reached its highest level since the end of the war.

With his warning against reviving nationalism, McCloy also spotlighted the emergence of neo-Nazi parties which he said intended to "discredit and destroy parliamentary democracy" in West Germany.

Of the German parties he said: "Most of the established political parties have been stocking the merchandise of nationalism. Individuals or circles and, in a few cases, even the controlling elements of an entire state political organization have expressed highly nationalistic sentiments, either out

of conviction or as a vote-getting device.

"Even some federal ministers have not been above such actions," he warned.

"The use of the extreme nationalist narcotic creates the need for larger doses. Worse, the users must ultimately find that they cannot subsist on talk alone but must resort to some action to avoid decline."

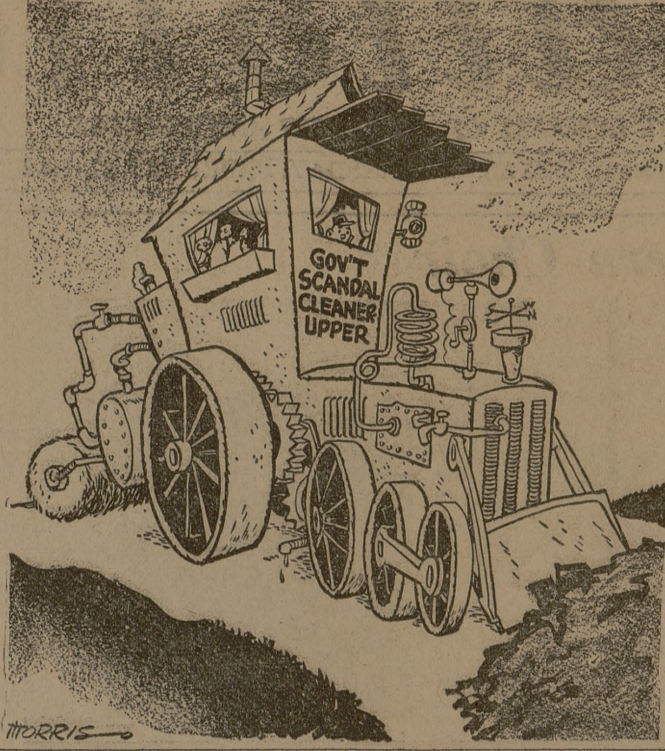
The high commissioner said the neo-Nazi parties are "extreme rightist and ultra-nationalist organizations which invent scandals and rumors about the Democratic parties and parliamentary leaders and dub anyone who opposed Hitler as a traitor."

"They vilify the Allies and seek to distort Allied policy and the genuine desire of the Western powers to bring Germany back into the community of nations as a Democratic partner."

McCloy said the neo-Nazi Socialist Reich Party (SRP) is the "number one extremist party in Germany." The West German government already has asked the constitutional court to outlaw the party.

CLUB DONATES BOOKS
San Angelo and Big Spring High School libraries were the recipients of two books donated by the San Angelo A&M Club. Both books were copies of *The Story of Texas A&M* by George Sessions Perry.

IF IT WERE AS SURE AS IT IS SLOW



Probation Figures Down In Basic Division

Summer school and fall semester freshmen probation students are down four per cent this semester in comparison with last semester, John Bertrand, dean of the Basic Division announced.

Of the 1,570 summer school and fall semester freshmen, 542 or 35 per cent are currently on scholastic probation. These figures were released today by the dean.

732 on Probation
After mid-semester of the last term, 732 were on probation. Of this number 104 were removed from probation at the end of the term and 433 continued on probation. Five per cent were dropped from the rolls of the college.

There were 156 first year men who could have returned to school at the end of the first semester, but who did not.

These figures show a decrease of four per cent in probation students from the fall mid-semester when

732 of the 1,871 freshmen were on probation.

Dean Bertrand said the students who are not making satisfactory scholastic progress are encouraged to decide for themselves whether or not it is wise and profitable for them to continue in school at the present time.

The dean also emphasized the 12 hour C average probation which has been used in place of the former 12 hour and 12 grade point probation.

The 12-C average probation requires the student to pass a minimum of 12 hours with the same number of grade points that he registered for in hours.

This prevents, the dean said, the student from going into a grade-point "sink-hole" which would ultimately eliminate his chances of getting the 1.00 grade point ratio necessary for graduation.

Taft Wants to Postpone UMT for Three Years

Washington, Feb. 27—(AP)—Senator Taft proposed today that the start of Universal Military Training (UMT) be postponed "for about three years."

"I can't see why we should try to start UMT as long as the draft now is taking most young men for two years active duty," the Ohio Republican told a reporter. "I could not vote to do it now."

Other protests were cited by Rep. Short (R-Mo), a leading opponent of UMT. Short predicted that northern Democrats from labor and farm districts would help Republicans kill the measure.

But chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the House Armed Services Committee continued to predict passage of the bill when it comes to a vote, probably next week.

Second Day
The House is in the second day of debate on the controversial measure to give 18-year-olds six months' training, followed by 7½ years in the reserves.

UMT bills before the House and Senate would set up detailed authority for a start of compulsory military training, whenever Congress or the President determined it possible and funds were provided.

Taft, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination and chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said he wants Congress to tell the military that before UMT is started, Pentagon leaders should come in and offer "to cut out four or five divisions."

"I have not heard any such offers by our military leaders," he added.

71 Cases of Flu Reported in Area

Influenza again led the list of illnesses in the Bryan-College Station area during the week ending Feb. 23. Seventy one cases of the disease were reported in both communities according to the Bryan-Brazos County Health Unit.

College Station had 28 cases of the disease compared with 43 cases in Bryan. Also, College Station reported 14 cases of septic sore throat.

Other diseases in the locality included chickenpox, one; diarrhea, 29; gonorrhea, three; measles, six; mumps, two; pneumonia, eight; syphilis, three.

Annual Clinic

Civic Groups Make Plans For Crippled Children's Clinic

The annual Crippled Children's Clinic will again be held in the College Hospital on May 12, said Dr. Luther G. Jones, former agronomy professor, and chairman of the Crippled Children's Society. Seven doctors from different cities over the state will volunteer their services to give advice for treatment of any crippled child brought to the hospital on that date. Names of the doctors to participate have not been announced, he added.

Principal Activity

The Crippled Children's Clinic is one of the principal activities of the Crippled Children's Society which has as chairman, Dr. Dan Russell. This society receives money for its work from allocations by the local Kiwanis Club and the College Station Community Chest.

Groneman to Judge School Contest

The Delta Power Tool Division of the Rockwell Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, Wis. has announced the selection of Dr. Chris H. Groneman, head of the industrial education department as one of five judges who will decide the winners of the Delta nationwide School Shop Layout Contest now being conducted.

Groneman will be responsible for the selection of the most outstanding shop plans pertaining to industrial arts in six areas of shop and drafting. Other educators comprising the panel are Dr. W. W. Theisen, assistant superintendent of schools, Milwaukee, Wis.; Dr. C. C. Caveny, dean, Chicago campus, University of Illinois; Hans W. Schmidt, nationally recognized school planning architect of Madison, Wis.; and Gilbert G. Weaver, director of Industrial Training, New York State Department of Education.

A sum of \$71.43 was donated this year by the Kiwanis Club.

At a meeting on Feb. 19, it was decided that the Brazos Robertson County Medical Auxiliary and the Crippled Children Committee of the College Station Kiwanis Club will mail letters containing

Prisoner Issue Goes Back To Sub-Committee

Munsan, Wednesday, Feb. 27—(AP)—Staff officers today turned back to Korean truce subcommittees the prisoner of war repatriation problem — still unsolved.

In an adjoining tent at Panmunjom, an Allied staff officer in the truce supervision talks told the Reds they apparently were more interested in defining the merits of Soviet Russia than in making progress with the Korean truce talks.

And the U. N. command flatly told the Reds that the Kojé Island riot in which one American soldier and 75 Korean civilians were killed was "no proper concern" of the Communists since it involved "persons who were not of your side."

U. S. Col. James C. Murray told the Reds that the work of the staff officers discussion prisoner exchange appeared to be at a dead end.

He said at the close of two hours and 50 minutes of discussion today that the Reds had shown no willingness to compromise on their position of mandatory repatriation for all prisoners.

The Allies have demanded voluntary repatriation. In other words, a prisoner would not have to go back to the other side if he chose to stay.

Murray said the Communists indicated "tentative acceptance" of the proposal to return the problem to the subcommittee. The staff officers will meet again tomorrow to work out a problem of tentativeness. The subcommittee tentatively was scheduled to resume its talks at 11 a.m. Friday (9 p.m., EST, Thursday).

The Allied statement on the Kojé riot was delivered by Murray. The Reds last Saturday had demanded a "clear account of the slaughter" and protested what they called the "barbarous massacre of large numbers of our personnel."

Thousands of Korean civilian prisoners on Feb. 18 rushed about 750 U. S. troops guarding compound 62 on the U. N. stockade island of Kojé off South Korea.

The U. N. command said the Communist protest was "based upon a false premise."

Crippled Children's Easter Seals to residents in this vicinity. Recipients of these seals will be asked to send \$1 to the Crippled Children's Society.

Seals are sponsored by the National Society of Crippled Children and Adults Inc. and all money received for them goes to help handicapped people.

Attendants

Those who attended the meeting Feb. 19, were: Mrs. Art Adamson, Mrs. T. M. Leland, Mrs. J. E. Marsh, Mrs. D. L. Belcher, Mrs. A. A. Blumberg, E. O. Selke, former director of forestry; Mrs. Frank Anderson, Joe S. Mogford, agronomy department; Les Richardson, superintendent of Consolidated Schools; Mrs. Frank Anderson, J. M. Abercrombie, of the Veterans Rehabilitation Bureau; Dr. George W. Schlesselman, head of the geology department; and Dr. Jones, head of the Easter Seal Committee for the Crippled Children's Society. Mrs. Marsh heads the Easter Seal Committee for the Brazos-Robertson County Medical Auxiliary.

HS Chorus Will Go to Houston

A&M Consolidated's Senior High Mixed Chorus will go to Houston Saturday to compete in the Interscholastic League Music Contest.

The 53-voice chorus will enter the Class B division. Six other southwest Texas schools are entered in Class B. First, second, and third ratings are given, by points.

"This is the first time the senior high chorus has made this trip," said Robert L. Boone, music director. "We might get a second rating."

FFA Dance Slated In Sbisla March 29

All profs will be cowboys at the first annual dance sponsored by the Collegiate FFA Chapter, said Bart Brooks, chairman of the entertainment committee.

The dance will be held March 29 in Sbisla Hall. The music and entertainment will be furnished by the Mountain Dew Boys, San Houston State College.

Invitations will be extended to all high school FFA president and sweethearts in an effort to publicize A&M and the local chapter. Brooks added.

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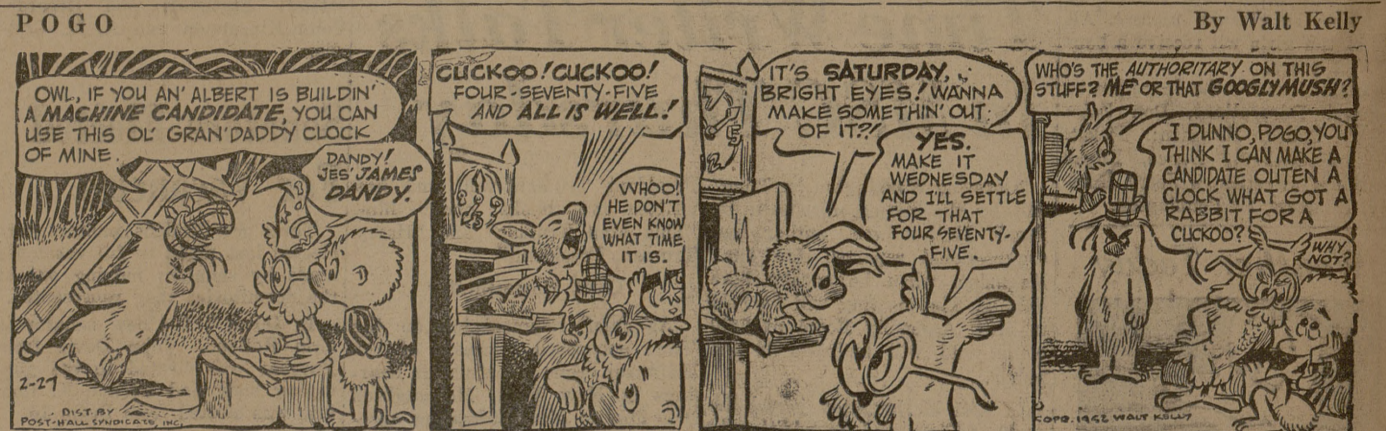
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