

Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

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Scene 1: Prisoner Return; Scene 2: Truce Signed?

AMERICANS WERE stirred a few weeks ago at the possibility of peace on the Korean scene. Talks of prisoner exchange gave hints a cease-fire might be just around the corner.

Since that time talk of peace has been overshadowed with news of United Nations prisoners being returned by Communists in exchange for their troops held by our forces.

The prisoner return will soon be over and once more people will turn with hopeful

hearts to the question: Can a truce be drawn up for the cold war?

In the summer of 1951, one year after the war began, our hopes ran high as UN negotiators met with the Communists to draw up terms for a cease-fire. The talks continued until October, 1952, with agreements on about 60 points that must precede any truce at all. But one point caused enough disagreement to halt the negotiations.

The Communists asked that all Red prisoners be returned, even though many desired to remain in UN territory. The US claims 50,000 of 132,000 Communist prisoners do not wish to return to Communist control.

If a resumption of true talks is announced in the near future it would be well for all people to remember the "immediate" peace we expected in 1951 which never came.

Many citizens, especially mothers and wives, build their hopes too highly on these indications which have brought disappointment later. Although the Communists indicate their desire to talk peace again, we must remember they are not to be relied on when final decisions are ready to be drawn up.

Like everyone else we look upon the prospects for settlement with enthusiasm, yet leary of intentions displayed by the Communists. Don't build your hopes too high—you could be disappointed again.

Pledges for AF Active Duty

WHEN AGGIES discuss ROTC activities with students at other colleges they sometimes are startled at the apparent lack of knowledge these people have about college military life — something most A&M men learn quickly after admission.

Reflecting this attitude recently was the caption below a picture in the Stanford Daily showing Air Force ROTC cadets on parade. Discussing the California university's 700-man Air ROTC unit, the outline further stated: "All members of the unit have PLEDGED to serve in the Air Force following graduation."

Have you signed your pledge yet?

What's Cooking

Wednesday
8 a. m. to 5 p. m.—US Air Force Air Crew Recruiting Team, Post office Area, MSC.
8 a. m.—Oil Recovery Conf. Registration, MSC Main Lounge.
9:30 to 12 a. m.—Oil Recovery Conference, MSC Ballroom.
2 to 4 p. m.—Oil Recovery Conference, MSC Ballroom.
5 to 6 p. m.—MSC House Committee coffee, MSC Assembly Room.
7 p. m.—Oil Recovery Conference Banquet, MSC Ballroom.
Lutheran Walther Club, Room 2D, MSC.
7:15 p. m.—Hillel Club, Room 2C, MSC.
Newman Club, St. Mary's Chapel.
Executive Committee, Senate Room, MSC.

7:30 p. m.—FHA-A-M Consolidated Chapter, Assembly Room, MSC.
Architectural Wives Society, YMCA, Miss Doris Coulter will speak.
Thursday
8 a. m. to 5 p. m.—US Air Force Air Recruiting Team, Post Office Area.
9 a. m. to 12 a. m.—Oil Recovery Conference, Ballroom, MSC.
12:15 p. m.—Development Fund Luncheon, Room 2D, MSC.
1 to 4 p. m.—Development Fund Board Meeting, Senate Room, MSC.
2 to 5 p. m.—Oil Recovery Conference, Ballroom, MSC.
4 p. m.—Genetics Seminar, Lecture Room, New Science Hall, Prof. T. H. Dobzhansky will speak on "Hybrid Vigor."
5:30 p. m.—House Committee, Room 3B, MSC.
7:30 p. m.—A&M Film society—"The Long Voyage Home", Ballroom, MSC.
Piano Recital, Assembly Room, MSC.
Amateur Radio Club, Room 2A, MSC.
Aggie Wives Bridge Club, Beginners, Room 2B, MSC.
Aggie Wives Bridge Club, Rooms 2C & 2D, MSC.
8 p. m.—MSC Bridge Club, Room 3D, MSC.

Gilchrist Speaks To Kiwanis Club

Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist spoke to the College Station Kiwanis Club yesterday on the development and organization of the A&M System.
Gilchrist's illustrated talk was the same one he recently gave over television station WFAA-TV in Dallas a few weeks ago.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Journalism Group Sell Nine Articles

Nine feature articles were sold by students of agriculture journalism 415 and feature writing 304 during the fall semester, said H. O. Miller, associate professor of journalism. Students selling articles and the publication to which they were sold are as follows: Frank Manitzas, Associated Press; Hugh Philippus, "The Houston Chronicle"; Jerry Bennett, "Texas Bankers Magazine"; Norwin Linantz, "Sheep and Goat Raisers Magazine"; Richard Phelps, "Beaumont Journal"; James Eller, "The Progressive Farmer"; Ray Meschkat, "State Game Commission Magazine" and James People, "The Progressive Farmer."
Hugh Philippus received \$50 for his feature story on the Aggie Bonfire, which appeared in "Parade", the "Houston Chronicle's Sunday magazine. This is the highest payment received for a story submitted this year, Miller said. Students usually receive from \$15 to \$50 for their stories.

Elementary School Plans Music Meet

The area 14 elementary school music meet will be held from 9 a. m. until 12 noon Saturday at Consolidated High School.
The meet, which includes schools from Bremond, College Station, Bryan, Navasota, La Grange, and others in this area, will present all types of school music. This includes bands, orchestras, choirs and ensembles.
"The groups will not be rated against each other, but according to interscholastic league standards," said J. J. Skrivaneck, CHS principal and director of the meet. Judges will be from Bryan Air Force Base.
Mrs. S. H. Creswell is organizing chairman for the contest, and W. T. Riedel, junior high school principal, is assisting in the organization.

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Senior Class Play Scheduled at CHS

"Couldn't I Kiss You Goodnight", Consolidated High School's senior class play, will be presented at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the CHS gymnasium.

Following the presentation of the play, a light drama "Fuadin' Mountain Boys", will also be given by the seniors. The first play is under the direction of J. S. Forsyth and Mrs. Mildred Byrd is directing the second play.

Included in the cast of "Couldn't I Kiss You Goodnight" are Joe Motheral, Shirley Moffett, Don Burchard, Martha Ergle, and Pat Ross. In the second play are Paul Harris, Margaret Ann Arnold, Ann Morgan, Homer Franks, Barbara Robertson, Barbara Greer, Noel Stanley, and David Carroll.

A matinee Tuesday afternoon after classes will be given to the students of the elementary school.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS Corps Blind to Own Problems

Letters to the Editors will be accepted through the mail or can be delivered to The Battalion offices, second floor of Goodwin Hall. The Battalion reserves the right to print excerpts unless request to the contrary be made by the writer. Author's name must be signed. The shorter the letter the better its chance of publication. The Battalion has the right to withhold from publication all letters of a libelous and malicious nature.

Editors, The Battalion
Everyone seems to have a theory on what is wrong with A&M. Well, here is an angle that seems to have been overlooked somehow.

When I was a freshman and sophomore in '48, '49, and '50, the seniors were constantly telling us that the administration was our greatest enemy and that Ross Hall had no sense whatever.

The board was held up as the great martyr and everyone seemed to think it was the only thing that represented the truly Aggie Spirit. I accepted the idea blindly like everyone else seemed to do and would have argued with anyone that the corps was being persecuted by the "evil" administration and the "nuts" in Ross Hall.

I have changed my mind about a lot of things in the past couple of years. Actually, the corps has become a person who is so sorry

for himself that he is blind to anyone's problems but his own.

True, the administration has its faults, things aren't all roses in the military department, and many profs should be chopping cotton, but what about the corps. It's seniors have come to condone vandalism, punishment without cause, cheating, and disrespect for authority.

These are glaring examples of each of these charges and the seniors have displayed their unwillingness to take corrective measures on every hand. And still they will tell anyone the corps should be "given back to the seniors".

It isn't a hopeless situation, as it may seem, but somewhere a foundation must be laid.

First—the board is as outdated as the iron maiden.

Second—in order to use authority properly, the seniors will have to respect authority.

Third—cheating, whether it be copying old reports or reading the other fellow's quiz paper, must not be condoned.

Fourth—vandalism, as the Ross Hall downturn, breaking up benches, painting things up unnecessarily, and attacks on rival campuses, must be stopped by the seniors in authority.

Cadets Should Learn To Think and Act as Men

Editors, The Battalion:
Yes, "Old Army" is dead.

You have heard it here and many of you will hear it for the next two years, regardless of where you are stationed.

Uncle Sam's Army has changed therefore A&M's Army will have to change if it is going to continue to produce the best officers for Uncle Sam.

I am in doubt as to the true meaning of the term "Old Army" when referring to A&M but I have heard it so much that I presume it means the use of a "board" by upperclassmen.

If the future officers that are being trained here can't control the men serving under them without using brute force, it will be a

sad day for Uncle Sam when they are called to active service.

Why should anyone expect Aggies to be known as the best officers in the Army when the upperclassmen don't have enough pride to maintain a neat appearance and observe uniform regulations?
From the attitude shown toward the corps by many of the cadet officers I think many others should be added to the list composed of Seth, Travis and possibly Charlie Whiteside.

Yes, "Ross Hall" has dominated the corps and they should hold that domination until the boys who try to run the corps learn to think and act like men.

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LIKE AS IN GANG-BANG WILL REPAIR...
IT'S STILL RED—WHAR HE WHOMPED ME—
BUT, NATCHERLY, AH FO'GIVES HIM. ALL EXPECTORANT FATHERS IS TOUCHY. AH'LL PUT THIS LAMP OVER TH' DOOR, TO SHOW HE IS WELCOME.
BY MORNIN' THIS SILLY L'L INCIDENT WILL BE FINISHED.
SHE MUST HATE POISON NOW—BUT TH' WAY AH WANTS BECUZ, BY MORNIN' OUR MARRIED LIFE WILL BE FINISHED.