

An Editorial

U.S. Sputnik — When?

As Russia nears achievement of reaching the moon, the United States sits back without having even launched a satellite.

Why has America been so outstripped in the rocket field? That's the big question in the minds of so many Americans these days.

These are the possibilities:
1. The Eisenhower administration has failed to lead in formulating an effective rocket program.

2. Inter-service rivalry between the Army and Navy could have caused the reportedly successful Army Jupiter C from being launched instead of continuing research on the Navy's Vanguard.

3. Big business, handling the Navy contracts, could have used influence on the Republican administration to squelch use of the Jupiter C, handled by the U. S. government, so the Navy research could continue.

4. The administration could have been so busily employed arguing with states on the "horse and buggy" states rights issue, they didn't have time to devote to the present age of moon-bound rockets.

Whatever the cause the United States is losing prestige all over the world and stands to lose much more if something is not done quickly.

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said Sunday that the United States is "losing the contest for the minds of men."

Evidently referring to President Eisenhower he said: "Our thinking has been too military—as a general and not as a Thomas Jefferson or an Abraham Lincoln."

The President has evidently been giving too many military orders and not leading his people like a president should.

The American people need another Franklin D. Roosevelt or even a Harry S. Truman to take some positive action rather than a man who too often frequents the golf course and possibly thinks America will always be safe because it is America.

A news analyst, soon after Sputnik I's launching, said he had discovered that the Army had a rocket capable of sending a satellite into space but it had not been used. He advanced the theory that inter-service rivalry was causing the delay.

In that same report he noted that the Army's project was being conducted by civil service and the Navy project through private contracts with big business. It's entirely possible big business influenced holding back the Army launching to swell its pockets with government contracts.

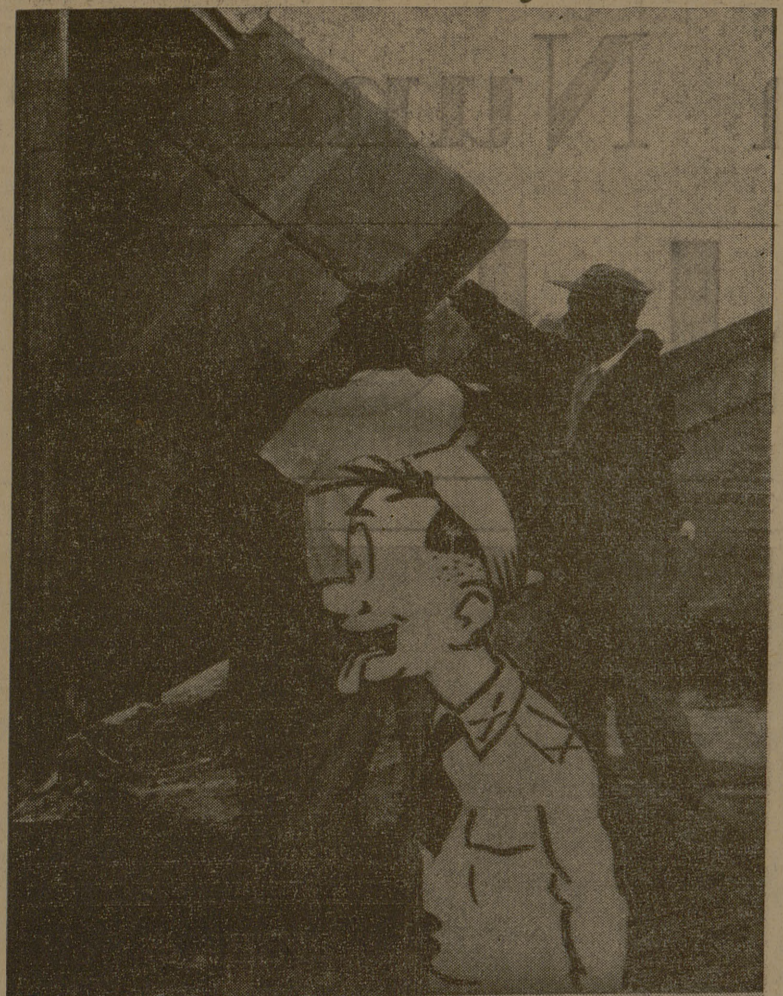
Impossible? Look what big business did during the Spanish-American War when no restraints were on them. They virtually poisoned their own troops with bad meat to make a profit.

The fourth possibility if contributive is more pitiful than any. Why can sensible people constrict their minds to such petty issues as "states rights" and prejudices against their fellow man, when they are preparing to enter the age of space travel?

Why can't they see that what we should be working for is one world rather than the minute interests of a few states in the ever shrinking earth?

Regardless of the reasons for our dilemma, we are in it and it seems all we can do is pray to the good Lord that our leaders, however incompetent, may be able to lead us out and enable us to regain our lost prestige.

Cadet Slouch by Jim Earle



"WHEN MOM SENDS COOKIES, SHE DOES IT UP RIGHT!"

Letters to the Editor

Editor:
The Battalion
I'd like to commend the author of the editorial "Ignoring the Law," which appeared in last Thursday's Battalion, for his Christian, patriotism, courage and cogency of expression.
Fred E. Ekfelt
English Department

Just who can determine whether these motives which you call prejudices really are prejudices? The members of the legislature are representing the people, if you can remember. These so called "prejudices" are shared by those who elected these members.
According to your editorial you class yourself with those who say "it's coming, so there's nothing to do but rationalize."

Editor:
The Battalion
So you've done it again! In your editorial in the Oct. 30 Battalion, you stated that "Once again they've (the legislature) tried to keep the federal government out of the racial question because they still foster the prejudices of earlier days."

John D. Crews '59

What's Cooking

The following clubs will meet tonight:
7:30
EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY CLUB meets in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center.
ASME meets in rooms 2-A and B of the Memorial Student Center.

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Dick Hoehn, Dartmouth college tennis and squash player, lost only one tennis match as a 1956 freshman.

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Man to Man

BY JOE TINDEL

Who says coffee, nicotine and liquor cause people to die young? It's football!

There's a path worn in the floor of The Battalion office during the Arkansas game Saturday while I was listening to the game.

However, what's important is our winning and what's more important is our winning the SMU game this Saturday.

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Aggies Monday were actually more interested in learning how the Aggies came out in the AP poll then they were in what was happening to Russia's newest satellite, Mutt-nick.

Speaking of Mutt-nick, the AP was sending out pictures yesterday of a dog looking through a telescope at the new Red satellite which carries a canine.

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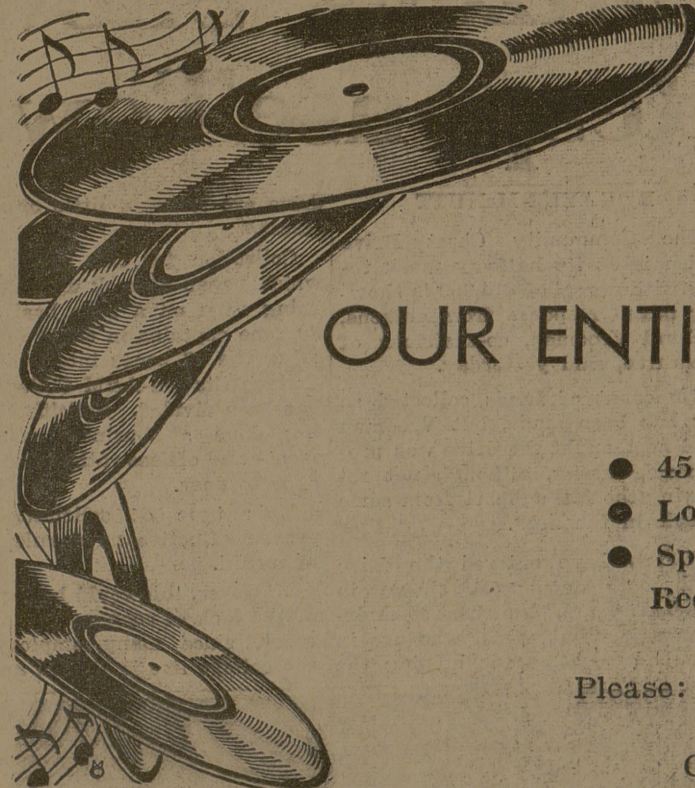
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WHO DOES?

By Al Capp

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