

BATTALION EDITORIALS

... Our Liberty Depends on the Freedom of the Press, And It Cannot Be Limited Without Being Lost ... Thomas Jefferson

Cash or Credit...

College Station citizens face on Feb. 17 what is possibly one of the most important elections ever held in the city—a \$350,000 street improvement bond election.

The tax bonds, if approved, would make more money immediately available for the street improvement program. But such a bond issue also brings on many complications which make the package deal not quite as good as the wrapper makes it appear.

This is one solution to the street problem—and the will of property owners will rule on Feb. 17. But Mr. Property Owner, before you vote know what you are voting for.

The bond election is contrasted with the pay-as-you-go program adopted by the City Council last October. Each citizen received a copy of the program by mail in November. It represented several months of careful study and consideration and reflected as many suggestions and opinions expressed by citizens who attended the council meetings as was possible.

The Council unanimously endorses the pay-as-you-go plan as the best way to go about improving streets and thoroughfares. The bond election was called in response to a petition for such an election signed by 265 citizens.

Both plans have faults and it is impossible to select any plan which will please everyone. Whatever your personal opinion, it is good to share it with others and learn how they feel about a common problem.

Tonight you have that chance, Mr. Property Owner. The College Station Kiwanis Club Civic Affairs Committee is holding a public discussion for the sole purpose of airing the pros and cons of the street improvement bond issue. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. in the Consolidated High School Auditorium. City officials will be present to answer questions and explain complications of both plans.

Attend this meeting if at all possible—for your own good and for the good of your neighbor. You have an important decision to make Feb. 17.

Pay Your Poll Tax...

College Station residents have only two more days in which to pay their 1959 poll taxes.

Failure to part with such a nominal token will mean that residents cannot vote on such bond issues as the \$350,000 street improvement bond election Feb. 17.

City Manager Ran Boswell said that any person who cannot produce a poll tax receipt will not be allowed to vote in the important upcoming bond election.

And to adequately run the City of College Station the citizens of the community must support it to the fullest. If you fail to vote in elections, you are failing to support the betterment of your community.

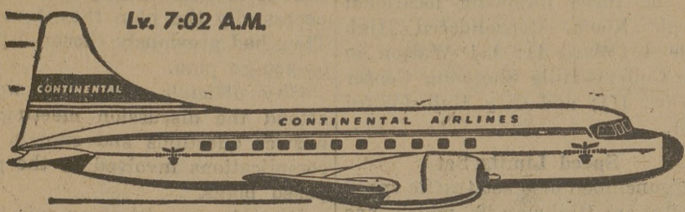
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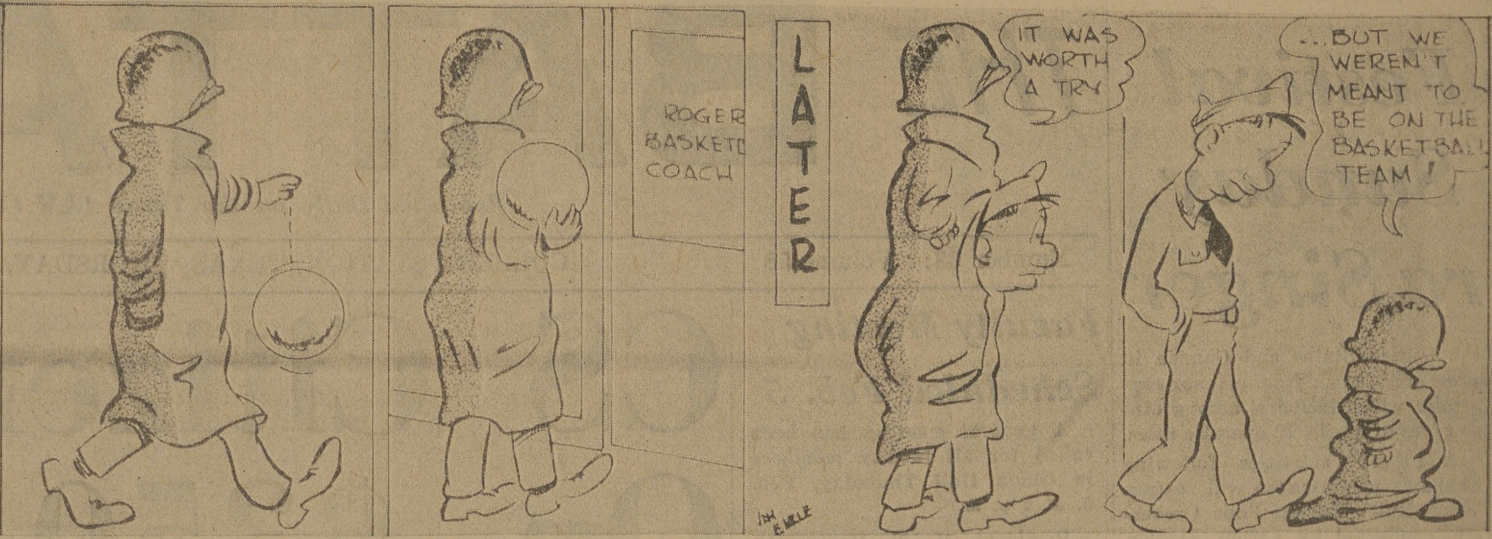
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Alarm or Concern?

By **BILL REED**
 Battalion News Editor

Communism today is a tremendous concern to many Americans and others seem to think it has been stamped out of the Americas and that there is no longer any need to be alarmed.

In a parade of opinion poll conducted by the Associated Collegiate Press, the ACP found that many college and university newspapers have taken editorial stands on Communism. Many of these newspapers feel that college students today are being suspected of breeding Communism in their ranks, as they go from class to class jokingly calling each other "Comrade."

Sure, students have to file affidavits saying that "he does not believe in, and is not a member of and does not support any organization that believes in or teaches the overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence or by any illegal or constitutional methods."

But, isn't it true that the working public also has to file similar affidavits when applying for a job and the like?

This act of the government and other agencies turns out to be a prime method of combating Communism for the good of our Free Nation. There is no need to be

come alarmed of being accused when it is a policy for all citizens to live by.

It seems that the college newspaper that took this stand is arguing with the general public to see who will call who a communist.

The real problem seems to be that the majority of the U. S. population thinks that Communism has been abandoned, so why worry about it.

According to an American medical missionary to China, we have "lulled ourselves into believing that we have stamped out the germs of Communism." This makes an excellent situation, because this is the ideal time in which Communism works most effectively.

Most frightening was his testimony that here in the United States, Communism is literally the religion of the youth, the ideology of the student. Students shrug their shoulders, laugh and joke: "Hey Comrade. Cell meeting tonight."

And yet we question whether we students are not too complacent about our seemingly secure position; whether we are not often foolishly blind to dangers from other sources that would threaten our freedom.

Are we being alarmists, or is there real need for concern?

Job Calls

Humble Oil & Refining Company will interview graduates Feb. 9 and 10, for permanent employment in accounting and marketing at all degree levels during 1959. For additional information contact: Placement Office.

We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggies. When a wee one arrives, call VI 6-4910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor.

A girl—Charlotte Nadine—who may one day be applying for a date through the TWU Date Bureau, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Hopson, '60, 100 S. Fairview, College Station. Born at 10:35 p.m., Jan. 22, in St. Joseph Hospital, she weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

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