

Interpreting

Berlin Settlement Rests with Russia

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As one prerequisite to any possible settlement of the German problem, the Western Allies are studying whether the Soviet Union can be assured against any future German attack without surrendering vital NATO interests.
Western diplomats recognize that, aside from her expansionist interest, the U.S.S.R. has a certain fear of a rejuvenated Germany, just as does France.
At the five-power conference in Berlin in 1954, the Soviet Union insisted that any German and Austrian settlements would have to include complete neutralization.

There is little or no analogy, however, between the Austrian settlement which was made later, including neutralization, and the thistles which surround the German problem.
In 1955, the Soviet Union was trying to make peace with the Tito regime in Yugoslavia, and needed to establish a position of good faith toward European problems.
She was starting her campaign of sweetness and light designed to produce the summit conference in Geneva, and to convince

the world that there was no need for NATO. She was willing to give up a position in Austria, which brought her little except embarrassment, to further these other ends. At the same time, she was able to whittle down the Allied stance in a part of Europe.
Now she is able, barring war, to hold on to East Germany for an indeterminate period, and so maintain her own stance in a truly vital part of Europe. She does not need to get out unless the Allies do.

Therefore she shows no interest in Allied talk of rigid guarantees against German aggression if she will permit a unified Germany to make its own decision about NATO membership.
There are two points on which she insists:

1. Federation of a state which will preserve the Communist institutions of East Germany and leave hope of eventual Communist infiltration and control of the whole.
2. Complete neutralization, including Allied military withdrawal which would, because of geography, represent a major weakening of the Western strategic position.

Who's Here

Blaschke Guiding Sqdn. 17 To Two Intramural Flags

By JACK TEAGUE
Squadron 17 is threatening to win two Corps athletic flags this year, and barring any major upsets, seems to be sitting pretty "high on the hog." The "17" fish are only a few points out of first place while the upperclassmen are at the top of the list. And the man pulling the trigger of this two-barrel winning combination is Ewald J. (E.J.) Blaschke, athletic officer of the outfit.
E.J., a 21-year-old senior civil engineering major from Schulenburg, was quite a sports star himself while in high school. At Schulenburg, E. J. played football and basketball four years and ran the hurdles in track. He was elected to the All-District football team and was chosen as outstanding senior player in Schulenburg by the local Lion's Club.
Besides playing sports, E.J. served on the staffs of the school newspaper and the school annual.
A former member of Squadron 20, E.J. said he couldn't think of any particular reason for coming to A&M. He was unaware of Corps life, his brother had grad-

uated from the University of Texas, and he was planning to join the Army after graduation from high school.
"I decided to give college a try before I joined up," E.J. said, "but I still don't know why I chose A&M."
One thing is certain, though—A&M hasn't done E.J. any harm. As a fish he was a member of the 12th Man Bowl and is now president of the Fayette-Colorado Counties Hometown Club. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Association of General Contractors. In addition, he has a dormitory candy concession to keep him busy.
After graduation, E.J. plans to go into the Air Force for three years but is still undecided about the future after that. "That's a long way off," he said, "and I'm still foot-loose and fancy-free—and plan to be for quite a while." E.J. said he had an urge to go overseas and hoped that the Air Force would supply the means of transportation.
As mentioned before, E.J. is a sports enthusiast and would gladly pass up any hunting or fishing to enjoy a good volleyball game. "Besides going out with girls, there's nothing like game competition," he said.

President Harrington Says

Rapid Education Plunge Due To State's Low Faculty Pay

(Ed. Note: The following is an address by President M. T. Harrington concerning the competitive position of the 18 state-supported colleges and universities—and what it means to A&M and to you. . .)
"Most parents today plan to give their children some form of college training that they may have a fuller life and be better equipped for the tasks ahead."

"The 18 state-supported colleges and universities now are responsible for the education of 48 per cent of the students enrolled in Texas institutions of higher learning. Enrollment, which were 78,000 in 1957, are due to rise to 86,000 in 1959. Current high school enrollment makes this increase practically a certainty."

"Whatever happens to the 18 state colleges and universities, then, will affect the future of at least half of the college boys and girls in Texas. The influence of the quality or lack of it in our state institutions of higher education does not end there.
"More than 66 per cent of all the teachers in our Texas high schools and elementary schools are trained by our 18 state colleges and universities. If the quality of instruction in these institutions is lacking, our entire state public education system suffers."

Face The Facts
"If we are to attain the goal of first-rate educational opportunity for your sons and daughters, your state colleges and universities must be in a position to do the training. And it is time for all of us to face the facts.
"Texas colleges and universities have not been in a position to compete with similar colleges and universities in other states, with industry or with business for an adequate supply of top teaching talent.
"During the past two years our 18 state colleges and universities lost 306 faculty members by resignation. Of these 203 are known to have left for higher salaries, ranging from \$600 to more than \$7,000 a year above what we were able to pay them."
"Seven faculty members left teaching for industry at salary increases ranging from \$7,000 a year up. If they were worth that much more to industry, you may well imagine what these seven were worth to education in Texas. Our greatest loss, however, was to out-of-state colleges and universities, which took 131 of

our staff members at salaries ranging from \$600 to \$6,000 more a year than we could pay. The majority of these received \$2,000 to \$4,000 more per year than we were paying them.

"In addition to the important factor of salary, other inducements included additional research opportunities, better libraries and laboratories. You can easily understand why we believe your state colleges and universities must have enough money to compete for qualified personnel and to provide research and other facilities to attract competent teaching talent. As costly as inflation and the pace of the technological revolution has made some of the modern equipment, it is necessary if our graduates are to be equipped for the tasks of today."
Future Impact
"I need not tell you the need for more and better-trained technical manpower for the future business and industry in our communities and in our state. The greatest single factor in the quality and quantity of this supply now is the condition of our state colleges and universities."

"According to the Texas Employment Commission, 45 per cent of the technical manpower in Texas industry comes from the 18 state colleges and universities and 30 per cent from out-of-state schools. A closer look, however, is more revealing. A study of 13 large industrial concerns, employing a total of 61,000 people in Texas, shows that of their employees earning more than \$10,000 a year, only 40 per cent are graduates of Texas institutions and 60 per cent are graduates of out-of-state schools. We are supplying the bulk of the \$10,000-and-under men, while the top positions are going to outsiders. Is this the way we want to build our industrial empire in Texas?"

"We have had other unpleasant reminders of the inadequacy of our Texas educational system. More than one Texas businessman, engaged in the encouragement of major industry to come into our state, has come up against this question.
"When are you going to bring your colleges and universities up to par? We must have a steady supply of highly skilled men close at hand for the future development of our company. We need an environment suited to the best work of our top technical people. Where in Texas will they find libraries and research facilities of the type they are accustomed to having elsewhere?"
"Frankly, it is up to the people of Texas to supply the answers to such questions as posed here. It is up to the taxpayer, through his elected spokesmen in the Legislature, to determine whether the 18 colleges and universities are to have adequate financial support. To be specific, \$13 million more from the state's general revenue fund is needed next year for your 18 state colleges and universities to hold their own, at least with a majority of the educational institutions of the nation."

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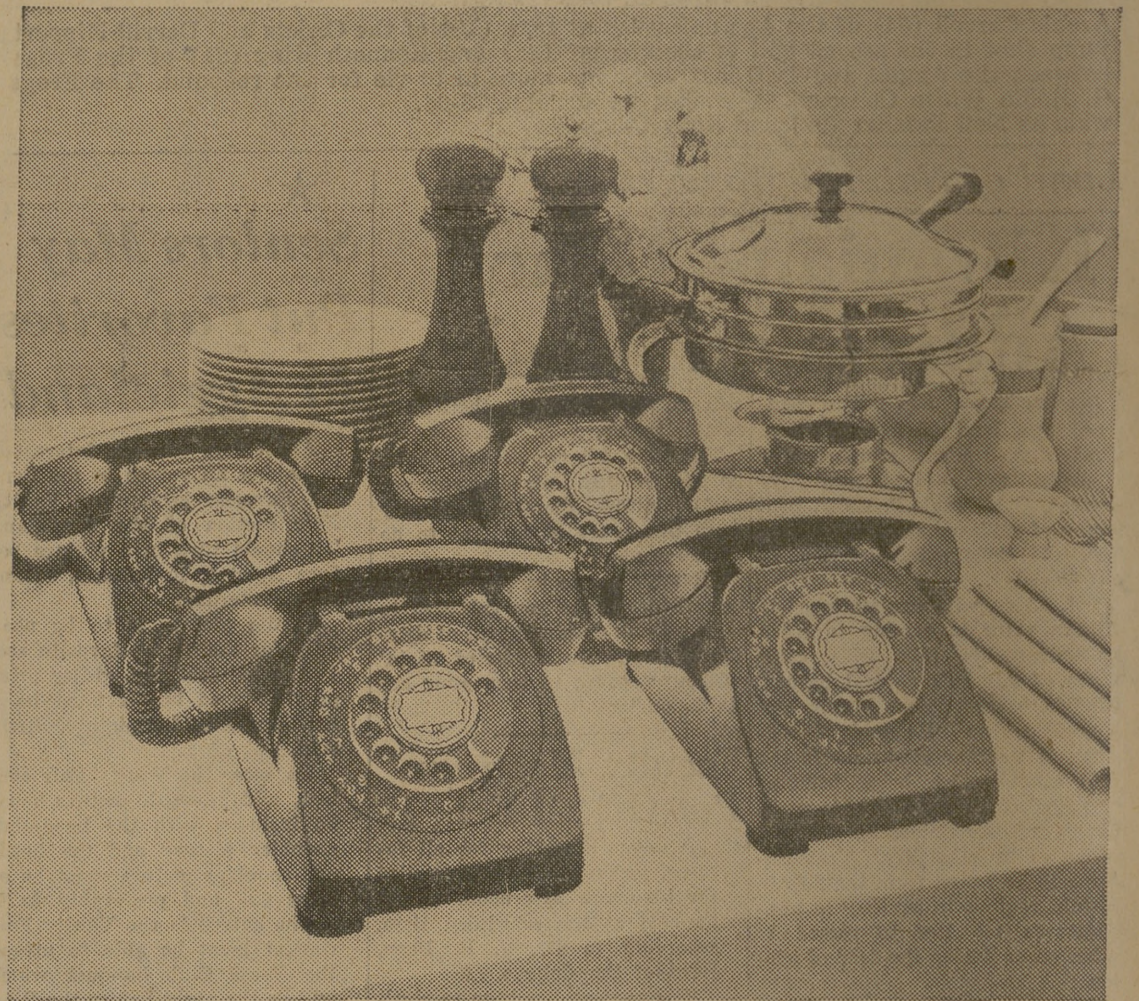
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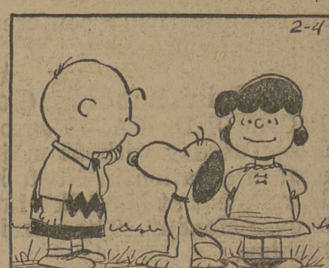
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