

# THE BATTALION

# CADET SLOUCH

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## INTERPRETING

### Problems Remain In Laos Dispute

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

All of the principally interested parties have now agreed to an international approach to settlement of the Laotian civil war, although there are still differences. Significant is the support of Red China for the Cambodian suggestion of a 14-nation conference.

And significantly behind the scenes in the effort to stop the shooting is Red China's reminder that the trouble directly involves her security.

Most of the world, with the exception of Prime Minister Nehru of India, misread Peiping's mind once before when remarks like that were made about Korea.

Nehru reminded the world of that occasion, and of the new danger, even before the Reds stated their new position.

Ordinarily the Reds, Chinese and Soviet alike, with so much force on their side and so much neutral and allied pressure against all-out action by the United States, might have been expected to welcome an opportunity to try hands in Laos. But the internal military and political opportunity has been there now for several years without a major move from the adjoining Communist sphere.

You can get as many divergent

opinions as you like about whether the current Peiping attitude is connected with a desire by the Mao regime to get in touch with the Kennedy regime in some sort of negotiations as a basis for future relations. The original Indo-Chinese peace conference at Geneva in 1954 did give the two countries a contact which has continued at Warsaw until now, although not producing anything.

There is some doubt in my mind that Peiping wants better relations with the United States, preferring to keep a whipping boy to parade before a famished and restless people.

In this connection it is notable that, while Great Britain was one of the first countries to recognize the Communist regime of mainland China, the relationship has never been anything except strictly formal. Some business has been done between them. Perhaps there would have been more except for the American embargo. But British representatives have made little pretense of influence.

Regardless of motivation, however, the published attitudes of the Communist sphere as well as of the Western world indicate general acceptance of the fact that this is no time to play with fire in Southeast Asia.

## Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

Since the recent controversy about the proposed name change here at "Aggieland," we felt it was time to hear the opinion of some students who are concerned about educational standards at this institution. Not the former students, or the Corps, or the profs, or the parents because they are not directly subjected to, or affected by, the mediocrity here.

Why, pray tell, is there an argument about "college" or "university" when we have neither. This is supposedly an institution of higher learning, yet we must listen to the comments of students from other institutions about the choking "strait jacketedness" of our programs.

If controversy is eliminated from our curricula, then we are missing a prime asset of higher learning.

If people are to come here for an education, then why cheat them of this feature. Let's get some "free" atmosphere in our classrooms, then argue whether or not a name change would benefit us.

Tim M. Cockburn, '61  
Aubrey C. Elking, '61

P.S. "Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."  
—Shakespeare



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## Budget Message Calls For Spending \$80.9 Billion

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
(Editor's note: Following are textual highlights from President Eisenhower's budget message to Congress for fiscal 1962, the year beginning next July 1.)

**Farewell**  
With this budget, I leave to the new administration and the Congress a progressive and workable financial plan which recognizes national priorities and which reflects my confidence in the strength of our economy now and in the years to come.

**Figures**  
My recommendations provide for \$82.3 billion in budget receipts and \$80.9 billion in budget expenditures. The resulting budgetary surplus of \$1.5 billion will permit another modest payment on the public debt.

**Tax Relief**  
Sound fiscal policies and balanced budgets will sustain sound economic growth and, eventually, will make possible a reduced tax burden.

**Security**  
First, outlays for our nation's defenses are estimated to rise by \$1.4 billion in 1962 to a total of \$42.9 billion. Second, the budget provides for substantial continuing efforts to support the cause of freedom through the mutual security program. Expenditures for

Budget In Brief	
For the fiscal year ending June 30:	
1961	1962
Income	\$82,333,000,000
Expenses	\$80,865,000,000
Surplus	\$1,468,000,000
National Debt at year's end	\$283,400,000,000
	\$284,900,000,000

on corporation income and the excise taxes which are scheduled for reduction or termination on July 1, 1961.

**Rates and Fees**  
The Congress is again requested to raise postal rates to eliminate the postal deficit and to act favorably on the proposals for increased highway and aviation fuel taxes and for a number of other fees or charges.

**Postal**  
I strongly urge that additional revenue of \$843 million be provided for the fiscal year 1962 and that the higher rates be made effective by April 1, 1961, in order

to reduce the postal deficit for the fiscal year 1961. Such action is necessary to eliminate the drain upon the Treasury of this mounting deficit for which there is no justification in law or in equity.

**First Secretary**  
I have reached the conclusion that serious attention should be given to providing in the president's office an official ranking higher than Cabinet members, possibly with the title of first secretary of government.

**Armed Forces**  
These forces make up a collective security system for the free world more versatile and powerful than any military alliance in world history.

**Military Aid**  
We cannot continue indefinitely to provide military equipment on a grant basis to nations which now have the economic and financial capability to shoulder more of the burden of the common defense.

**Echo-Courier Satellites**  
We are now ready . . . to take the first steps leading to a practical satellite communications system for commercial use.

**Man in Space**  
In the program for manned space flight, the reliability of complex booster, capsule, escape and life-supported components of the Mercury system is now being tested to insure a safe manned ballistic flight into space, and hopefully a manned orbital flight, in calendar year 1961.

**Price Supports**  
Among the many aspects of the price support program in need of major changes, the most urgent is the enactment of realistic price support legislation for wheat.

**Medical Care—Aged**  
The Congress is urged to broaden the existing program in keeping with the recommendations which were made by this administration last spring. This would further increase the number who receive assistance.

**PEANUTS**  
EVER SINCE LUCY BURIED MY BLANKET I'VE FELT SORT OF DIZZY...  
I CAN'T EVEN EAT... EVERYTHING TASTES SOUR...  
I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO CATCH MY BREATH EITHER... I FEEL LIKE I'M CHOKING...  
PLEASE TELL ME WHERE YOU BURIED IT!

**PEANUTS**  
I'VE GOTTA FIND THAT BLANKET, CHARLIE BROWN!  
LUCY WON'T TELL ME WHERE SHE BURIED IT SO I'VE GOTTA DIG 'TIL I FIND IT!  
I'VE JUST GOTTA DIG AN DIG AN DIG UNTIL I FIND IT!  
GOOD LUCK!

**Social Calendar**  
The Aggie Accounting Society will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Memorial Student Center Social Room. The speaker will be an agent from the United States Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The Pre-Law Society will meet tonight at 7:30 in Rooms 2-C and 2-D of the Memorial Student Center. David B. Cofer, District Attorney for Brazos County, will demonstrate the lie detector. After the program, the adoption of the proposed constitution will be discussed.

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- City National Bank
- First State Bank & Trust Company
- College Station State Bank
- Bryan Building & Loan Association
- Community Savings & Loan Association

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**CONTINENTAL AIRLINES**

**On Campus** with Max Strubbe  
(Author of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf", "The Man Loves of Dobbie Gillis", etc.)

**HOW SMALL CAN YOU GET?**

Today let us address ourselves to a question that has long roiled the academic world: Is a student better off at a small college than at a large college?

To answer this question it is necessary first to define terms. What, exactly, do we mean by a small college? Well, sir, some that in order to be called truly small, a college should have enrollment of not more than four students.

I certainly have no quarrel with this statement; a first student college must unquestionably be called small. Indeed, one could even call it *intimate* if one knew what *intimate* meant. But I submit there is such a thing as being too small. Take, for instance, a recent unfortunate occurrence at Crimscoot A and M.

Crimscoot A and M, situated in a pleasant valley between Denver and Baltimore, was founded by A. and M. Crimscoot, two brothers who left Ireland in 1706 to escape the potato famine of 1841. As a result of their foresight, the Crimscoot brothers never went without potatoes for one single day of their lives—and mighty grateful they were! One night, however, after a hearty meal of French fries, cottage fries, hash browns, and au gratin, they decided to show their appreciation to this bountiful land of potatoes by endowing a college. They stipulated that enrollment should never exceed four students because they felt that only by keeping the college this small

could each student be assured of the personalized attention, the camaraderie, the feeling of *belonging*, that is all too often lacking in higher education.

Well sir, things went along swimmingly until one Saturday a few years ago. On this day Crimscoot had a football game scheduled against Minnesota, its traditional rival. Football, of course, something of a problem at Crimscoot, what with only four students enrolled in the entire college. It was easy enough to muster a backfield, but finding a good line—or even a half line—baffled the most resourceful coaching minds in the country.

Well sir, on the morning of the big game against Minnesota, its traditional rival, a capricious destiny dealt Crimscoot a cruel blow—in fact, four cruel blows. Sigafoos, the quarterback, woke up that morning with the breakbone fever. Wriehards, the slotback, was unable to start his motorcycle. Beerbohm-Dun the wingback-tailback, got his necktie caught in his espresso machine. Langerhans, the fullback, was stolen by gypsies.

Consequently, alas, none of the Crimscoot team showed up for the game, and Minnesota, its traditional rival, was able to score almost at will. Crimscoot was so out of sorts that they immediately broke off football relations with Minnesota, its traditional rival. This later became known as the Dred Scott Decision.

So you can see how only four students might be too small an enrollment. The number I personally favor is twenty. How come? Because when you have twenty students and one of them opens a pack of Marlboro Cigarettes, there are enough to go around for everybody, and no one has to be deprived of Marlboro's fine, mild flavor, of Marlboro's easy-drawing filter of Marlboro's joy and zest and steadfast companionship, and as a result you have a student body that is filled with content and amity and harmony and concord and togetherness and soft pack and flip-top box.

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