

BATTALION EDITORIALS

A Good Job

Student government at Texas A&M has been called ineffective, un-operative, un-democratic and un-interesting. The Student Senate and the Civilian Council have been the butt of tirades of criticism. Little, however, has been said in praise of the fine work both Senate and Council have done in the past year.

The Student Senate, under the able leadership of President Roland Dommert, has been the guiding factor in the success of such projects as the selection of the Aggie Sweetheart, Aggie Mother of the Year and Muster Speaker; the Campus Chest and Blood Drives; coordination with other schools for better relations between student bodies at football games, both on Kyle Field and away; the Twelfth Man Bowl, and work with other student and staff organizations for the betterment of Texas A&M.

The Civilian Student Council has done much this year to better the relationship between the Corps of Cadets and the civilian student body.

Work done by the Council and President Mike Carlo include the drafting of a Magna Charta of Corps-civilian relationship, a get-out-the-vote campaign, work leading to more efficient seating in Kyle Field for home football games and better civilian dress, and the Civilian Weekend.

Without the efforts of these two student groups life at Texas A&M would be dull indeed!

Gleam Of Hope Shines In Congo

Editor's Note: Are things ever going to get better in the Congo? Here is the situation brought up to date by a correspondent whose 1960 reporting from Africa has brought him the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting.

By LYNN HEINZERLING
LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo—(P)—A tiny gleam of hope is shining through the political jungle of the Congo. But it is still very dim.

The old Belgian colony which never really achieved nationhood despite 11 months of freedom still teeters on the edge of anarchy. The tribe is still more important than the nation.

But there appears to be a growing revulsion against the record of political double-crossing, violence, assassination and backwardness.

Huge billboard signs all over Leopoldville erected by the Leopoldville provincial government, say: "If the politicians agree, if national unity is realized, if tribal fighting is stopped, there will be an end of unemployment."

The Congo is still divided, on the brink of bankruptcy and almost leaderless. Yet there is an air of expectancy here. Diplomats who have watched the whole incredible performance since last June 30 are beginning to express a faint optimism.

They point to a slow improvement of relations between President Joseph Kasavubu's government and the United Nations. Another sign is the frank admission by some Congolese politicians that the Congo cannot afford to be regarded as the world's backward child much longer.

Perhaps the most important sign is the emergence of Foreign Minister Justin Bomboko as a force in shaping policy.

Bomboko is only 33, but he is one of the most sophisticated of Congolese. He was foreign minister in Patrice Lumumba's government. He served in the same capacity under the interim government apparatus established by Maj. Gen. Joseph Mobutu last September. He has remained close to Kasavubu throughout.

Bomboko works very closely

with Mobutu, whose methods have been questioned, but whose idealism and patriotism are not generally doubted.

Together they brought about the arrest of Katanga leader, Moise Tshombe, at Coquilhatville. Tshombe had chosen to issue an ultimatum to President Kasavubu about his cooperation with the United Nations rather than cooperate in the work of the Coquilhatville conference.

Kasavubu has ordered Tshombe detained indefinitely while a commission decides whether he should be tried for treason. Tshombe also is threatened with prosecution for the murder of Lumumba, who was killed soon after he was delivered to Katanga authorities by the central government.

Bomboko is a pleasant, gregarious person, one of the few Congolese who was allowed to study in Belgium before independence. He studied political science at a Brussels University and became a follower of the Liberal party there.

He has no important political following but, working through Kasavubu, he could exert a powerful influence on future policy.

Kasavubu's closer relations with the United Nations and his decision to summon Parliament after the Coquilhatville conference undoubtedly were pushed by Bomboko and Mobutu.

Bulletin Board

SERVICE GROUPS
Applications are now being accepted for membership on the Memorial Student Center Great Issues Committee. All those interested in world events who want to join should apply at the Directorate Office before May 25.

The Election Commission steak fry will be held Thursday at Hensel Park.

The Student Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in Room 202 of the YMCA building. Bob Hunt, head of the A&M Century Study Committee will explain the CSC program. Pro-tem officers for next year will also be selected.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... and next week we're gonna show th' exact minutes left in th' semester!"

Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:
During the past several months an incident happening here on the campus has been noticed by me, and noted with a great deal of pride.

Bill Curry has been pushed from classroom to classroom by his wife a person to whom I take my hat off. She will be properly rewarded in the hereafter.

The first thing that I observe is Mrs. Curry as she diligently and smilingly pushes the wheel chair about the campus. The second thing I note is the thoughtfulness of the students, both cadet and civilian, sometimes both together, that see her coming and wait to assist in putting him above the approaching steps.

is to be congratulated, and believe me, here is one old man who does congratulate you.

Sam Fort,
Fiscal Office
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Editor, The Battalion:
Due to the gradually increasing wave of patriotism, anti-Communism and conservatism, I would like to suggest that The Battalion make a complete reprinting of the Constitution of the United States and also reprint a series of the Federalist Papers.

This would serve to prevent us from straying too far from the very principles for which we are fighting to preserve.

Everett Lindstrom, '63

Clubs Elect New Officers

(Editor's note: Following is a list of some of the newly elected club officers for the 1961-62 school year. The Battalion requests that campus and city clubs and organizations bring a list of their newly elected officers to The Battalion, Student Publications Office, basement of the YMCA building.)

- Sigma Delta Chi, Professional Journalistic Society: president, Sam Spence; vice president, Tommy Holbein; secretary, Bob Sloan; treasurer, Robbie Godwin; counselor, D. D. Burchard.
- Civil Engineering Honor Society: President, Rudy Krusch; vice president, Roy Wilshire; secretary, Tom Airhart; treasurer, Tommy Ralph.
- A&M Debate Club: President, Dennis Shepps; vice president, Robert Denney; secretary-treasurer, Dick Stengel.
- Society of A&M Journalists: President, Colyar McIlheran; vice president, Bob Sloan; secretary, Charles Mauldin; treasurer, Sam Spence.
- Sociology Club: President, Don Henderson; vice president, Bob Carter; Agricultural Council representatives, Selwyn Hollingsworth and Henry Ickles; treasurer, Don M. Henderson; secretary, Gene Jameson; reporter, Robert Bier.
- Society of Automotive Engineers: President, Homer Schulz; vice president, Buck Casola; secretary, William Brooks Jr.; treasurer, Wayne Wendt; historian, Lester Clary.
- Electrical Engineers Wives Club: President, Jean Wallingford; 1st vice president, Jo Anne Collins; 2nd vice president, Chris Frey; recording secretary, Ellie Thrush; corresponding secretary, Ann Petrucha; treasurer, Louetta Calnest; reporter, Barbara Hawthorne; council representative, Kay Dierlam.
- University Dames Club: President, Glenda Sides; vice president, Doris Evans; corresponding secretary, Sammy Kates; recording secretary, Evelyn Lowery; treasurer, Camelle Plumber; reporter, Janet Brooks; social chairman, Peggy Gibbs; council representative, Carolyn Carter; parliamentarian, Francis Cassens.

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By Charles M. Schulz

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