

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Civilian Interest

It is highly possible that this year's rapidly approaching student elections may prove to be some of the liveliest contests ever to hit the campus if a group known as the Civilian Student Government Interest Committee has anything to say about it.

Recently organized, this committee is the brain child of a number of Civilian Student Council officers and members who through it, hope to arouse the interest of civilian students in participating in student government.

One of the primary goals of this group is to urge civilian students to run for positions in the upcoming elections. In this way the committee hopes to gain more representative voice of the civilian element on the campus in the student affairs of the campus as a whole.

The committee points out that although the number of civilian students, as a percentage of the total student body has become very significant, its representation in student government is out of proportion from a diminutive standpoint.

In looking ahead, a movement of this type, once out of the founding stages, could easily result in increased promotion of cooperation between various interests of the campus in achieving goals necessary to bring about a better A&M.

In any case, it appears to represent one more step in the direction of the objectives of student government: "To act as the official voice of student government, to promote the welfare of the student body and to provide opportunity to train students in the responsibility and mechanics of democratic government and citizenship."

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INTERPRETING

Red Ag Problem Shows Elsewhere

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

American experts are now estimating that the general failure of the Communist agricultural system, worst in Red China but prevalent throughout the bloc, is having or will soon have an effect on the bloc's military position and influence on the outside world.

Ways and means of turning the non-Communist front in the cold war are being considered. There is also wonderment whether it may produce desperation policies in Moscow and Peking.

The late Wendell Willkie once remarked that the principal thing wrong with communism was that it wouldn't work. Certainly it has not worked with regard to agriculture, and in industry Red China's great leap forward has turned out to be a few toddling steps.

In the Soviet too, the world is beginning to realize that industrialization may be more the product of natural 20th century growth in the footsteps of more modern nations, rather than a result of communism.

Despite all the bragging, the Soviet economy is still under extreme pressure because there is more money than consumer goods on which to spend it. The im-

provements which appeared two years ago have not kept pace, and American visitors now call the situation extremely drab.

Certainly it is a fact that in the five years before World War I Russian industrialization advanced far more rapidly under the czar than it does today. The 1909-14 gains, produced in part by an audience in liberal thought regarding labor after the 1905 revolution, have been estimated at 50 percent.

The idea that totalitarian governments could be put on the defensive with their own people through offers of food gifts is now getting greater attention.

George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, has suggested such gifts through an organization similar to the one which Herbert Hoover established for Russia after World War I, supervised by American relief teams.

He points out that by selling to the dictators, as some of America's Allies have been doing in Red China, the governments are permitted to make themselves look good. They even indulge in cheating their own hungry populations by reshipments for political purposes, as has happened to Canadian wheat sold to Red China which turned up in Albania.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle 'Prayer In School' Case Is Heard By Supreme Court

By PAUL M. YOST

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court heard Tuesday an attack on constitutionality of the reciting daily of a 22-word prayer in New York's States public schools.

Counsel for five parents who objected to the prayer argued that the effect of the prayers was to aid religion in violation of the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

Opposing lawyers replied that recognition of God in public prayer is part of the national heritage and that the Constitution's first amendment was intended to prohibit a state religion but not to prevent the growth of a religious state.

The New York State Board of Regents, governing body of the public school system, recommended to local school boards that this prayer be spoken daily in opening exercises: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

Two parents of the Jewish faith, one member each of the Unitarian Church and the Society for Ethical Culture and one professed nonbeliever objected to use of the prayer in schools attended by their children in New Hyde Park, N. Y.

They appealed to the Supreme Court after New York State courts ruled the use of the prayer in school did not violate the U. S. Constitution.



Governor Candidates Look For Primary Votes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gubernatorial candidates scurried through North and East Texas Tuesday looking in every nook and cranny for primary election votes.

Democrats Will Wilson and Marshall Formby were in East Texas hunting support.

Formby advocated at Longview that Texas build a psychopathic hospital for the criminally insane. From there he went on to Glade-water Gilmer, Dangerfield and Mount Pleasant.

Wilson spent Monday in Dallas taping a 30-minute television speech to be broadcast Tuesday night. He spent all day Tuesday on a series of talks and handshaking in the Tyler vicinity.

Republican Jack Cox and Democrat Don Yarborough were in North Texas. Cox spoke to precinct workers in Dallas while Yarborough made quick stops in Commerce, Honey Grove, Bonham, Sherman and Denison.

Gov. Price Daniel took the day off from campaigning to fly with his wife to Corpus Christi to at-

tend the funeral of their nephew, Dudley Bryan Foy III. The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Foy drowned Sunday. Mrs. Foy is Mrs. Daniel's sister.

John Connally started off the week in touring industrial plants in Hillsboro, but took his campaign to Beaumont Tuesday where he stayed all day.

Edwin A. Walker left his campaigning behind to travel to Washington for an appearance before a Senate subcommittee Wednesday. The former Army general will testify on the so-called "muzzling" of high military officers.

In the lieutenant governor's race:

Democrat Preston Smith and Republican Bill Hayes spent the day campaigning in Austin, while Democrats Bob Baker and Jarrard Secrest both took their campaign to Galveston.

James A. Truman and Crawford Martin were in the northeast part of the state with Martin in Dallas and Turman in the Sherman-Denison area.

Republican Kellis Dibrell met with Republican leaders in Victoria.

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— Sound Off —

(Editor's note: Filings for class elections closed Tuesday at 5 p.m. The election has been scheduled for April 11 with the run-off set for April 17. (The Battalion will publish, as space permits, letters from candidates, provided the letters are concise and neatly written. Letters must be in the Battalion Office, Room 4, YMCA Building, by 5 p.m. Thursday.)

Candidate Tells Qualifications

Editor,
The Battalion:
I, Eddie Duncan, am a candidate for vice president of the Class of '64. Having previous leadership experience, I am aware of the responsibilities of this office and feel qualified to accept them.

I will work with the president of our fine class to overcome past difficulties and make the ideas and desires of the Class of '64 felt in the Student Senate, the MSC Directorate, the Civilian Student Council and the campus in general.

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