

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Now Is The Time For All To Move Ahead

With only two weeks of the semester behind us, it is not uncommon to hear a student remark that he is already a month behind in his work.

For some strange reason our education just doesn't stand still and wait for us to catch up on each other's summer adventures. The educational process moves on, regardless of whether we move with it.

However, this weekend will offer students an excellent chance to get the jump on the system. There are few students who will be able to travel to Columbus, Ohio, for the Aggie ballgame with the Buckeyes. The only distraction on campus this weekend of any major importance is the All Aggie Rodeo.

Therefore, we suggest that this weekend will be a chance for all students to get a step ahead. There are semester papers that can be started and finished early, contrary to common belief; and there is also material in textbooks that can be read, even though it has not been assigned yet.

Bond Issue Reflects Consolidated Attitude

Approval of the A&M Consolidated School District's \$250,000 bond issue will go a long way in promising the residents of the school district that their school system is prepared to stay abreast with achievements being made in modern education.

In order for our community to truly be considered a "University City" the schools which the children of our faculty and staff attend must be second to none. In order to stay up with the fast moving business of education, the system must have money.

While we are confident that the people of College Station are well aware of the need for funds in order to operate an educational system effectively, we will be looking at the vote on Oct. 8 and hoping for approval.

The better elementary and secondary school systems the community has to offer, the better the University's chances are of hiring the nation's top educators to add to the well qualified people now associated with the University.

The 8-cent tax increase which officials say will accompany the passage of the bond issue will be a small investment which would produce gigantic dividends for all College Station residents.

We of the University are happy to see A&M Consolidated School District take steps to grow with us.

Washington Considering Soviet Union Wheat Offer

WASHINGTON (AP)—All signs indicated Wednesday the U. S. government is getting set to give an answer — probably favorable — if the Soviet Union offers to buy American wheat.

The question to be answered is a simple one: Is the United States willing to make its wheat available to the Soviets at the cut-rate price the grain is offered to friendly countries under an export subsidy program? On a 100-million-bushel deal, the American taxpayer would contribute about \$60 million.

Top-level closed conferences on a possible U. S.-Soviet grain deal were held at the Agriculture Department and on Capitol Hill. Involved is the subsidy issue.

Grain markets in this county, in Canada and Europe buzzed with reports of potential big-scale deals. A group of American grain merchants was in Ottawa, Canada, seeking discussions with a purchasing group which last week bought \$500 million worth of Canadian wheat to supplement the Communist's short crop.

In Duluth, Minn., for a land and people conference, Secretary

of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman told newsmen that the sale of U. S. wheat to the Soviets is a decision that will be made "at the highest levels of government at the proper time."

Freeman said reports that a decision has been made are untrue. Earlier, an aide said that the U. S. government has not been approached with regard to a possible deal.

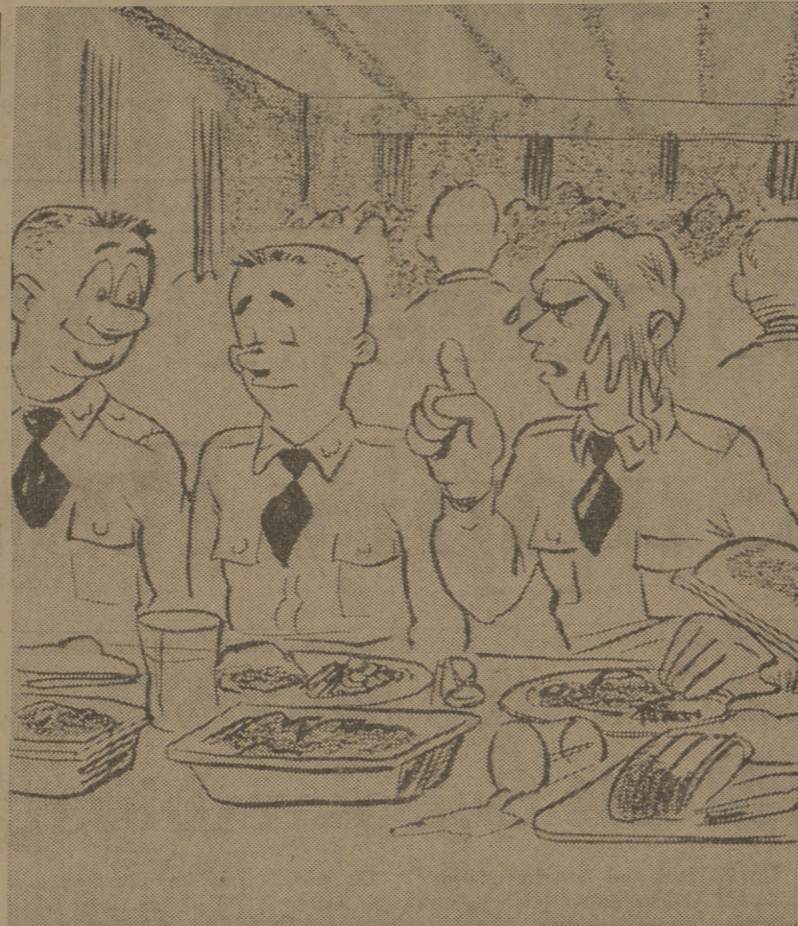
Activity here indicated the government anticipates that a request will be made by the Soviets, either directly or through grain merchants.

There are no regulations now which bar the sale of American wheat to the Soviets at the domestic price. This price is supported by a farm program at about 60 cents above the world market. The Soviet Union obviously does not want to pay the higher domestic price.

At the Agriculture Department, conferences involving Asst. Secretary Roland B. Renne, who supervises foreign trade matters; department lawyers, and grain experts were held to lay out the groundwork for a possible high-level decision.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... Not only was that a careless pass, but I asked for corn not gravy!"

Price Increase Talk May Be Premature

My SAM DAWSON (AP) Business News Analyst NEW YORK (AP) — Battle scarred American consumers are used to creeping inflation-prices of one thing or another going up here and there from time to time. But talk of a new concerted spurt just ahead may well be premature.

Times aren't that booming, no matter what the stock market says. Retailers and manufacturers are still too competitive. Recent price rises, mostly of industrial materials or products, are considered too scattered and too tentative to change the present trend—which, alas, is that of still further creeping inflation.

But a general substantial price rise looks dim indeed to most economists, in and out of government, at this time.

Most Americans are primarily interested in the prices on the finished products at the retail level. A few scattered price rises on raw materials play only a small role in setting these.

Senate Committee OK's College Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Labor Committee has approved a \$1.75 Billion college construction bill as well as a big expansion of vocational education asked by President Kennedy.

The sudden action on the college bill was a surprise since this subject had not yet been dealt with by the committee's education subcommittee.

In all the parent committee action, education bills came in a burst of speed which Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., the subcommittee chairman, called "almost a miracle."

Much more important in recent years has been the increase in other costs of production and distribution. The government index of wholesale prices continues its largely sidewise movement.

The rise of production and distribution costs above the wholesale and raw materials levels has caused the creeping inflation both in finished goods and in services. This has caused, and still does, disarray in many family budgets.

But offsetting it today, as in the last few years, has been the chance to shop around for bargains. Manufacturers have too much idle production capacity to raise prices sharply. Retailers have been too competitive for consumer dollars not to offer bargains for those who looked for them.

For most persons then, the word that Detroit seems likely to hold the price line on its new auto models counts much more than a rise in the price of steam condensers.

Prices, like stock prices, doubtless will fluctuate. Increases will be announced. Some prices will be shaved when competition pinches.

Until the economy booms a lot more than it now is expected to, and until excess industrial capacity is all put to work, inflation is likely to be held to its all but chronic state of creeping.

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