

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... It's not a diploma—it's a note that says 'Report to the registrar's office!'"

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Stars And Strips Forever?

We consider it un-American not to respect the flag which is symbolic of our nation.

As students at A&M, which is still recognized as a military school, we should take pride in the flag that represents the freedoms for which men have fought and died in past years.

And most of us would, if asked, claim to hold in high esteem the value of respect toward the Stars and Stripes. Yet we let a most uncouth form of disrespect pass by our eyes daily.

We permit a soiled, battered, faded United States flag, located 50 yards west of Sbis Dining Hall, to continue to fly despite its condition. Another flies in front of the Academic Building.

While this flag is batted to and fro from day to day, while it is soaked by driving rains and while it is gently folded every night, we stand by with a "couldn't care less" attitude and allow it to be raised every morning.

Perhaps military men don't recognize a worn-out flag when they see one. Take a good look at this one, then. It doesn't take a veteran flag-saluter to tell that it has seen its better days and is ready for retirement.

And if you think this isn't important, you just might be very wrong. Not only is it disrespectful to fly such a weather-beaten, outdated flag such as this, it also is not especially attractive to the eyes of those individuals who might choose to visit our campus.

Flags flown over battlefields are often scarred with bullet wounds. Despite its appearance, this flag has not been through a war — unless perhaps the war of misuse.—G. A. D.

WRIGHT or WRONG

by John Wright

This would have been a good opportunity to write a column about Zanzibar. But somehow, this week, the problems of Zanzibar seem rather remote and far removed from the immediate problem of surviving final week.

I resent having to study half the night away in order to cover up for a rotten memory and a semester's lack of willpower. As I sit and awfully view the limitless array of material before me, I think of the instructor who is faced with the problem of constructing a semester exam that will be representative of the material that he has taught, and I, hopefully have learned.

This, and this too, he must surely ask on the exam. But how about these definitions, how about those. Snowed by the amount of memorization and tired I find myself becoming more and more pathetic. More rationalization and more absurd thoughts. First it was stay up all night, now its get some sleep and with a clear head face the exam and just do your best and hope.

The alarm goes off with a shattering noise. Its nearly daylight. A decision to make — last minute cram or coffee, or perhaps even another forty winks? Are you crazy? Out of bed again and this time straight to the shower. Now I'm awake

and less than 20 minutes till the start of the exam. Too late now buddy. A quick cup of coffee in the MSC. Oh hell! I've left my pen in my room. Well, no time now, you will have to borrow one. You know it seems like every time I take an exam, it's with somebody else's pen.

The prof hands out the exams. I pick up my copy, turn it over and read. Surprisingly enough I seem to recognize most of the material. It won't be as bad as I thought.

Write, write like crazy, Wright. Now I'm almost halfway through, but look at the time — not enough time! Oh good, the last few questions are multiple choice.

I'm through! Now its over and it wasn't half as bad as I thought it would be. I though I was tired, but now I, feel like lingering a bit and relishing the joy of idleness.

Back in the same old rut!

LBJ, Pearson Conclude 2 Day Harmonious Meet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson and Canada's Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson concluded a two-day meeting on a harmonious note Wednesday with the signing of two pacts.

One agreement, signed in the Treaty Room at the White House, would carry forward the giant project of harnessing the Columbia River system in the Pacific Northwest.

The other would make an international park of the Campobello Island summer home of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Pearson, who arrived Tuesday afternoon for his first business meeting with the new President, began the day by laying a wreath at the Arlington National Cemetery grave of the late President John F. Kennedy.

Then he went to the White

House for two hours of talks with Johnson on a wide range of subjects.

Both men, in obvious good spirits, supervised a crowded noontime ceremony at which Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Paul Martin, Canada's foreign minister, signed notes to implement the 1961 Columbia River treaty.

JOHNSON SAID the river development project will mean more industry and will "make a general contribution to the progress of the Northwest and British Columbia."

In an aside to the U. S. and Canadian delegation present, he added that if America and Canada can agree on sharing power from the Columbia River they should be able to agree on matters like taxes and lumber.

U. S. lumbermen have been

perturbed over Canadian ports, and each country taxes levied by the other to affect business across the boundary.

Pearson saw the treaty helping both countries. "We get advantages," he said.

UNDER THE IMPLEMENTING agreement, Canada is to \$318.8 million to finance a stream development of the system which crosses the boundary on its way to the Pacific.

Of this, \$254.4 million will be an advance lump sum to a nonprofit corporation in U. S. Northwest to purchase power from Canada its share stream over the next 30 years.

The other \$64.4 million will be U. S. federal government funds for flood control benefits America would receive through Canadian reservoirs upstream.

Multinational Force Stands

GENEVA (AP) The United States has assured West Germany that President Johnson's five-point arms control plan will not interfere in any way with the proposed multinational nuclear force of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The assurance was given on Wednesday by the U. S. Disarmament negotiator, William C. Foster, to Dr. Lothar Lahn, newly appointed West German observer at the 17-nation disarmament conference here.

West Germany is not a conference participant and Lahn does not sit in on the conference sessions.

Foster presented the Johnson plan to the conference Tuesday as it resumed following a five-month recess. Wednesday, with no conference session scheduled Foster had a 45-minute private meeting with Lahn at the U. S. delegation headquarters.

American and West German officials described the meeting as a courtesy visit by Lahn.

Authoritative sources said that Foster gave Lahn renewed assurances that the United States will engage in no arms control bargaining with the Soviet Union without full prior consultation with the NATO council. In particular, Foster assured Lahn that the Johnson plan does not make the multinational force a subject of negotiation at this conference.

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NOTE: JANUARY GRADUATES should have their portrait made before leaving school, disregarding any conflict in schedule dates.

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