

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Will Eagle Fly; Or Crayfish Crawl

Could it be only a matter of time before the majestic eagle clasping lightning and olive branches is replaced by a muddy, slimy crayfish backing and snapping the air harmlessly with his pinchers?

The United States is getting so much in the habit of making concessions to every government that has a voice, that the aggressive eagle is no longer representative of this nation's practical foreign policies. How long can this country continue to back before it backs itself into a corner?

We don't know. But we do know that this policy of concede and then concede more is not the "stuff" that this nation was developed with—or the history books have received us.

It would be nothing short of silly to attempt to blame a particular party or administration with this idea that we must do everything possible to stay in the good with every group of revolutionaries that have the nerve to call themselves a government. This would only mean that we are still turning our back on the real problem. That problem—the United States government and the majority of its people are afraid that this country might offend someone.

Sometime, some way in the past two decades we have gotten the idea that in order to successfully compete with the Soviet Union the United States must befriend more nations and receive their blessings, regardless of their attitude toward the U. S., than the Russians do.

We won't believe that it is necessary for the U. S. to accept insults with nothing more than a strong formal protest, a few words before the United Nations and then concessions to the insulting governments that threatens to lean left. If we must purchase the friendship of some nation for such a price, then we question if that nation's friendship is worth the price.

We can't read a report of a demonstration before a U. S. embassy building, concessions made to rioting mobs in states that the U. S. has developed, and most of all the lack of respect shown the flag of the United States of America, without having names like The Bulge, Omaha Beach, Anzio Beach and Heart Break Ridge run through our mind. All were places where American men demanded respect for their flag and the "Yankee" way of life. They weren't afraid of making some "nobody" angry. More likely they were afraid of dying, but they died just the same.

Even today we have American men dying in what is diplomatically called "brush wars" of other nations. Our dead men were serving only as advisers to one or another nation that someone has decided we must have for a friend.

As said earlier, we do not believe that this is a characteristic of a particular political party. More frightening, it is an attitude of the American people—many who were present at some of the tragic battles mentioned above. We don't know what has brought about this attitude. We are just as lost for a way in which to reverse this trend.

However, we do feel that Gen. Charles de Gaulle might have a good chance of becoming Number 1 in what is generally (very generally) referred to as the western world. That is, de Gaulle's chances are good if the U. S. continues to give away its position.

It is time to stop. If we wish to remain the world leader we are we must once again take on the attitude of a leader. It will also be necessary that we accept the fact that a leading nation will make those who follow it angry. But that leader can not remain leader by making concessions.

We must always remember that even the eagle, which carries lightning as well as olive branches, has angry enemies—but they respect its might.

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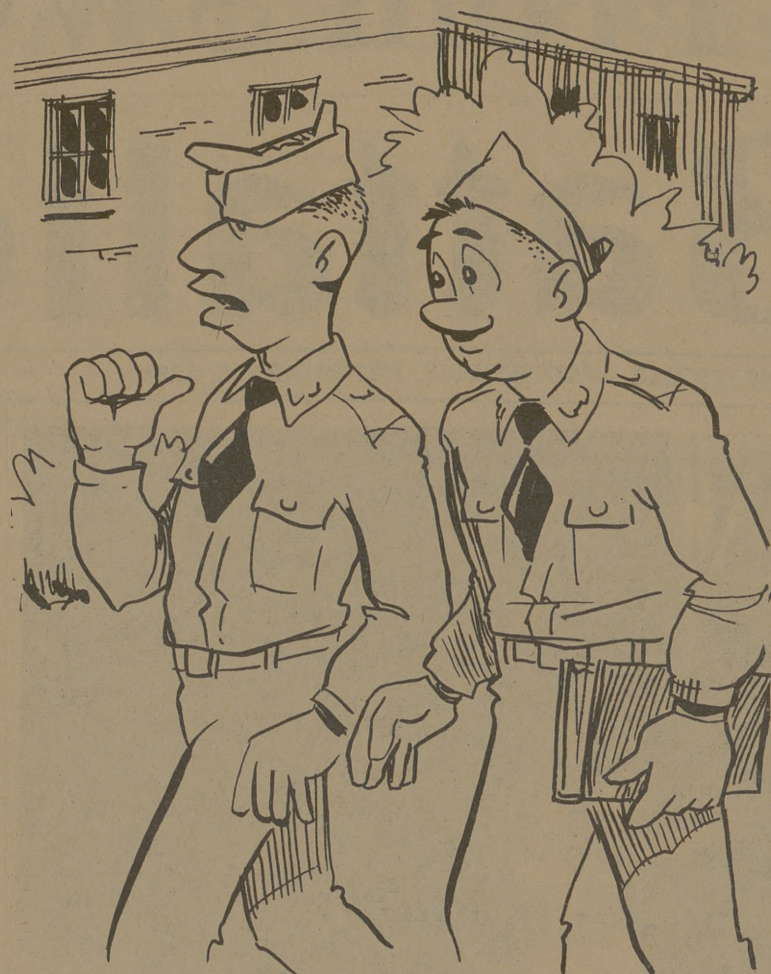
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by Jim Earle



"... In my opinion it would be terrible for us to go totally co-ed! Awful! But if it's goin' to happen, I sure hope it happens while I'm still here!"

Reynolds' Rap

by Mike Reynolds

Walking back from class on Tuesday, I was just about to step out into the intersection of Houston and Ross by the Fish Pond, when I was suddenly surprised by the sound of a 54 Ford roaring down upon me. I practically fell back on the curb just in time to catch a face-full of water and to hear the car's horn after it was 30 yards on down the road.

I might be able to take something like that if it was the exception around the A&M campus rather than the rule. I know of many instances and I am sure that everyone else on this campus knows of many instances when they have been forced to step back on the curb or run for their lives to avoid being run down by a student's wife rushing to pick up her husband for dinner or fish Jones trying to get back to the new area for noon formation.

The drivers who frequent the A&M campus seem to have the idea that the streets are their playground and that pedestrians are people to be scared and then laughed at when they climb a street light.

Many a student drops his gears into low and goes roaring off down Military Walk leaving behind a cloud of burnt oil and rubber. This may seem like "good bull" to many but the day is coming when we will have to have observe Silver Taps for some poor unsuspecting soul that stepped out in their path.

Campus traffic regulations state that "the maximum speed on the campus is 30 miles per hour, except vehicles will be driven at a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour in the main campus area and the family

CIVILIAN YEARBOOK PORTRAIT SCHEDULE

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TWO CHINAS

Reds, Nationalists Contend For All World Recognition

By ROY ESSOYAN  
 TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — Two Chinas as dissimilar as David and Goliath are contending for world recognition.

They will be fighting it out for a United Nations seat late this year.

The prospects for Red China a hungry and aggressive giant among nations, will be somewhat improved if its current embarrassing diplomatic muddle over relations with France is cleared up.

But Nationalist China, trim and spry on its tiny island stronghold of Formosa, still has a slingshot full of pellets.

The slingshot is made in the U. S. A., Formosa's main support. The United States will be in Formosa's corner helping round up additional support for Nationalist China's seat in the United Nations.

Paris and Peking got off to a poor start when they announced establishment of diplomatic relations Jan. 27 without clarifying how it would affect the thorny "two-Chinas" concept, according to which both Chinas have adamantly refused to maintain relations with any government recognizing the other.

There's an Alice in Wonderland quality about the whole situation.

Two Chinas have been an operating fact of life on the world stage since the Chinese Communists drove Nationalist China's Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his battered armies off the mainland 14 years ago, and Chiang established himself on Formosa, 100 miles off the China coast.

Since then Chiang and Communist China's party chief Mao Tze-tung each have claimed to be the only true and legal representative of China. Red China and Nationalist China operate in a vacuum as far as relations between them are concerned.

Red China dwarfs Formosa in size, population and military strength, Formosa's 14,000 square miles cover less than half of one per cent of China's vast area. Its population is 12 million compared to Red China's 700 million. Though Formosa has proportionately more men under arms — 600,000 — than any other country, it cannot compare with Peking's 2.6 million-man army.

Economically, Formosa is healthy, though much of its health has been pumped in by the United States. Experts say it could be a lot healthier if some of the oriental Red tape were swept away.

Red China, 14 years after it was founded, is still economically sick and frequently hungry, mainly because its leaders have kept it isolated and because the incentive and initiative of its hundreds of millions of peasants have been stifled by rigid Communist dogma.

Life in both Chinas is strictly controlled. The control in Formosa is not as total, rigid and

effective as on the mainland. But freedom of the press, speech and assembly are limited within what the government describes as the bounds of national security.

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