

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Cancer Control Important To All

Sometime during April — Cancer Control Month — you will be asked some pertinent questions about cancer and given the answers to them by volunteers of the American Cancer Society who will be calling on you.

It is not necessary that you know the answers to all the questions: Are we getting anywhere against cancer? What signs or symptoms may mean cancer? Which type of cancer is increasing most rapidly? What type of cancer kills most Americans? What can you do to protect yourself against cancer?

But you should know cancer's seven danger signals and visit your doctor if any one of them should persist more than two weeks. Cancer usually starts quietly and spreads without pain. In the beginning, a danger signal may seem very unimportant to you, but it could be most important to your life.

It is important for you to know that 75 per cent of the 76,000 men and women who will develop cancer of the colon and rectum this year could be saved by early diagnosis and prompt treatment. The best protection against death from this disease is a simple proctoscopic examination once a year. Cancer of the lung is the most rapidly mounting cause of death from cancer. What can you do

about it? Stop smoking cigarettes if you are already a smoker, and if you do not smoke, don't start. The American Cancer Society says that if no one smoked cigarettes a great majority of lung cancers would be prevented.

The American Cancer Society is speaking in the interest of all of us when it urges every adult to have an annual health checkup. Many cancers discovered during an annual health checkup can be cured.

As for the question: Are we getting anywhere against cancer? The answer is "yes." More than 1,200,000 men, women and children are alive today, cured of cancer. Improvements in surgery, radiation, use of drugs, new techniques of diagnosis, better facilities for treatment, the public's concern about cancer and action on that concern, are saving the lives of tens of thousands of Americans annually, who would have died if they had had the disease less than a generation ago.

Costly research has accomplished much of this. And this is one of the reasons why you should support the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education and service. We urge you to give generously to the April Cancer Crusade.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"That'll give you an idea of what a blast th' Civilian Weekend is—This is where they held last year's!"

WRIGHT or WRONG

by John Wright

Are we hearing the swan song of the Sino-Soviet alliance? Surely we must be, regardless of how long it may last.

Khrushchev, presently in Hungary, has made some astounding statements compared to the well remembered "we will bury you" speech of not too long ago. In his most recent speech at the Kazincbarcika chemical plant in Hungary, Khrushchev declared that the U. S. government judges the world soberly while Red China sees possible good in a war that might wipe out half of mankind.

More surprisingly Khrushchev mentioned Kennedy's speech made last June to American University in Washington, in which the late president said that the United States will never work "toward a strategy of annihilation but toward a strategy of peace." Khrushchev called the speech reasonable. Furthermore he said that the Communist revolution of 1917 was not fought to live worse after taking power.

Khrushchev said "we need good houses, clothes — winter, autumn and summer clothing. We need schools, hospitals, universities. We need all the things that make life richer and finer."

I do not think for a moment that these statements reflect any basic change in the ultimate aims of the international communist movement. Perhaps what these latest developments do suggest is that after the colossal failure of the Soviet collective farming system and the consequent embarrassing decision to have to buy \$935 million worth of wheat from the capitalists he vowed to bury, the Soviet leader has no real choice but to reject, for the foreseeable future at least, any ultimate dreams of a Communist dominated world that had roots in Marxism-Leninism that today is simply useless. He must succeed in raising the living standards of the Soviet people and to do this he must sacrifice a huge portion of the investment in the arms industry.

The Red Chinese interpret this as traitorous to the doctrines of Marxism-Leninism and are out for blood — Khrushchev's blood. The Red Chinese term the Russians "modern revisionists" and prior to Premier Chou En-lai's visit to Albania the Peking Review said "Imperialism is disintegrating; U. S. imperialism is falling on still harder times. Revisionism, which is an offshoot of the policies of imperialism, has become increasingly exposed in all its ugliness as betraying Marxism-Leninism, repudiating proletarian internationalism, opposing revolution and serving as an apologist for imperialism and colonialism."

The final outcome of these Sino-

Soviet tirades can only be guessed at. Only last week there was mention in the Western press that a Red Chinese plot to assassinate Khrushchev had failed. Some credibility is lent to this by the fact that Russian propaganda outlets did not bother to dispute this, an act that in previous years would have been unthinkable. Whatever the outcome we can only hope that common sense and reason will prevail in the Communist camp and that fanatics will not go off the deep end and initiate a showdown that will threaten the somewhat shaky world peace.

If Senator Fulbright's statement concerning new attitudes and dropping of old myths is indicative of future U. S. policy, and Khrushchev is successful in maintaining leadership of the Communist camp, then perhaps there is hope for the future.

ALL ABROAD, AGGIES

Early Preparation Needed For Travels In Far Lands

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of three articles by J. Donald Deliz, Department of Modern Language, discussing travel and features of travel which Aggies might enjoy for a summer vacation. Deliz was asked to write the series, because he has traveled in much the same manner a student would enjoy traveling.

By J. DONALD DELIZ

An old French proverb says that he who travels far knows much, and in the Spring semester when most Aggies have the give-a-darns, the direction of travel is toward getting away from it all. There are many, at this time, who are giving serious thought to foreign travel in order to round-out their education. It's good to know that the sages of the ages are in accord with them. St. Augustine confessed that, "the world is a great book of which he who never stirs from home reads only a page."

It is best to think of the place you're going to visit as early as possible and then to turn those thoughts into "the hardware of travel" which are papers and money. For travel in the Western hemisphere, one needs only a visa, or tourist permit, from the consulate of that country. It usually costs two or three dollars and is easily obtainable.

Going to Europe gives us a different problem. A formal passport is necessary. The first step here is to go to the local court house and get a form which, along with ten dollars, is sent to New Orleans where this area's State Department Passport Agency is

located. A passport good for three years comes back to you a long time later. Since this takes some time, it is best to begin proceedings as soon as possible.

The matter of funds is quite the other way; i.e., not so easy. A lot of Aggies would like to work their way across the big drink which is an admirable thought. But the American ships have strong unions against this. European companies hire their own nationals and never for just a one-way voyage. The airlines, of course, employ stewardesses and wine stewards for which there are certain qualifications. For a summer abroad, the smallest amount it takes is between eight or nine hundred dollars, so it is best to start saving. The working your way over approach is a dead end unless you have some special connections with a shipping firm.

There are, however, special group rates by some airline companies. Air France has a special deal which takes you from Houston to Paris for about \$350, and that's extremely cheap. It is best to inquire from them directly.

You should feel lucky not to have to travel first class. Some have done so to find that it is not really traveling. John Ruskin who called it more like being a parcel being picked up at one point and set down at another was probably right. You learn nothing!

When you travel third class, now called tourist class by many companies, you are thrown into a milieu which is a perfect learning situation. One might even travel steerage if they had that kind of passage these days. There are many students of different nations traveling in tight financial straits, and they demand to speak the language of the coun-

try they are visiting and absorb its culture. You couldn't ask for better company.

The most memorable of trips to Europe can be a bicycle itinerary planned by the Youth Hostels. These are like the Y's in our country — very Spartan and reasonable — you bicycle or motor scooter from one hostel to another. The first thing to do is to become a member over here. For information write to: International Youth Hostels, 14 West Eighth Street, New York City 10011. You usually buy your conveyance when you arrive in Europe and you really "live" the countries you see.

Although you will sometimes have to sleep on a hard mattress as Melville says "made of broken crockery and albatross feathers," you can make up for it with some scenery enriched with history and the exciting contact with a foreign culture.

These hostels are not as bad as presupposed by many. Someone has suggested that one read Down And Out In Paris and London by George Orwell. Although it does stress for me the importance of really getting to know the people and customs of the countries visited, it is unnerving. He does have a chapter in which he describes one of the rooms he and his friends rented, in which they had to sleep in shifts. As one would sleep, the other would kill bed bugs. Travelers seldom have this experience.

Roaring Guns Pay Homage To Memory Of U. S. Hero

NEW YORK (AP) — The deep-throated roar of distant guns paid homage Monday to the memory of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, echoing across two main scenes of his long life, the U. S. Military Academy and New York City, his last home.

At both places, 19-gun salutes were fired at noon.

Across the nation, on the high seas, and at all American installations around the world, flags were lowered to half-staff. They will remain so, by order of President Johnson, until after the funeral services for MacArthur in Norfolk, Va., next Saturday.

During the week of mourning his body will lie in repose in New York, the Capitol rotunda in Washington, and in the MacArthur Memorial rotunda in Norfolk.

He chose Norfolk as his last resting place because his mother, the former Mary Pickney Hardy, was born, reared and married there.

MacArthur's body was brought to New York from Washington by motorcade Sunday night. He died in Walter Reed Army Hospital at the age of 84.

At 8 a.m. Monday an honor guard of Army, Navy, Marines Coast Guards, and Air Force men took station around the casket containing MacArthur's body in a New York funeral home.

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- (1) Group pictures will be taken of each staff this year for use on the staff's pages in the AGGIELAND '64. They will be made at the Memorial Student Center between 1700 and 1800 hours, according to the schedule below. (2) Uniform for seniors will be dark green shirts, pink boot pants and boots. Uniforms for juniors will be dark green shirts and trousers (Capt. Midnight). G-H hats will be worn. (3) Schedule: The staffs listed under "A" will assemble on the front porch of the M.S.C. on the appointed day promptly at 1700 hours. The staffs listed under "B" will appear at 1720 hours.

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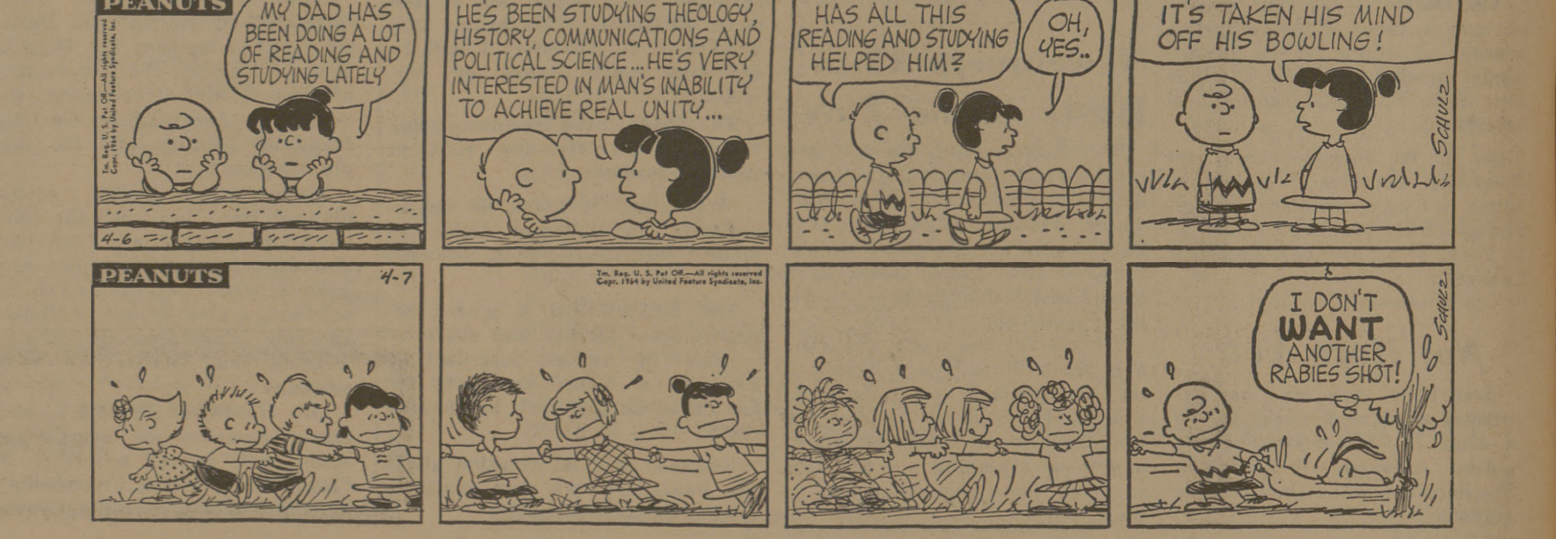
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PEANUTS By Charles M. Schulz



A portrait and 2 snapshots with vital statistics should be included. The deadline for turning in pictures will be May 1st.