

WRIGHT or WRONG

by John Wright

"Remember the Card" may not become the rallying cry of the war against the Viet Cong, as did "Remember the Maine" against the Spanish. But there was a time in American history when the spectre of an American vessel being sunk by sabotage or by any other violent means would evoke such national wrath as to demand satisfaction.

True the crew of the Card were not killed or seriously injured as a result of the Viet Cong placed charge, nor was the Card technically speaking a U. S. naval vessel. She was in fact a WWII produced baby flat-top, manned by a civilian crew. But she did fly the American flag and no one can deny the ignoble sight of an American vessel sitting immobilized in ooze of Saigon harbor.

Morale is bad enough in South Viet Nam as it is. But when eight Americans and a Vietnamese are seriously wounded in a supposedly safe rear area; when theatres are bombed regardless of the fact that they contain women and children; when nervous U. S. servicemen wish themselves back at the front; when the U. S. ambassador is in danger of losing his life, and when a U. S. ship gurgles to the bottom of the harbor in sight of everyone — well its just too much!

What can the American public do but express anger when they read of such bad news every day from Vietnam? Write to their congressmen? Of course, but how many do. The point is the people have a right to expect the Administration and the Depart-

ment of Defense to act decisively in the national interest. And here's the catch — what is the national interest? How do you gauge it? How do you separate it from interest of world peace? I can't anymore. Every time one tries to reason what the country can do, how to think in a responsible manner, one ends up in an entanglement of political considerations, treaty organizations, talk of co-existence and the like.

Of course one can sit down and listen to such arguments as this: "Now look, we can't go off half-cock and send the Marines and the Great White Fleet dashing off to foreign shores every time we get our tail pulled. After all this is the 1964, not 1864."

"The ultimate aim of the Administration is to contain the U.S. involvement to South Viet Nam, not to key another world war." And on and on.

To the contrary one hears something like this: "If we just took the initiative and let the world realize that we are not to be fooled with, we wouldn't be in such a mess. Let's act."

The Right looks to the Left, the Left to the Right and obscenities are profusely exchanged. The Middle and Moderates look at each other knowingly and take satisfaction in the knowledge that the secret word is "compromise."

"Limited war appears to be the thing today — so we bleed a little — that's compromise — that's co-existence." Oh, it is?

Friends, politicians and hallowed members of the DAR, we are going to compromise ourselves right up the old proverbial creek!

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"It's a comfort to know Splash Day comes only once a year!"

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion:

We would like to express our appreciation to the Student Senate, to the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, to the staff of the Memorial Student Center, and to the entire student body for their cooperation and assistance in making our most recent blood drive on your campus a very great success. 868 persons presented themselves as prospective donors, an increase of 118 over last year. Unfortunately, it was necessary to reject 304 individuals primarily due to the recent injections taken by the Junior Class and the recent measles epidemic, leaving a total of 564 units of blood collected.

This blood is now available to members of the student body for use where needed, by themselves or their families. Application should be made to the Student Welfare Committee of the Student Senate for the transfer of blood to the needed location.

We believe that the success of this blood drive demonstrates the spirit present on your campus —

that spirit of cooperative helpfulness and community responsibility for the welfare of their fellow man. I know of no other college or university where such a spirit is so much in evidence as it is at Texas A&M.

This blood drive is always a high point of our year, and we look forward to it with great expectations. After the drive is over, our personnel always leave your campus with some regret, feeling that for a few moments, we too, have become a part of

the "12th Man" spirit that is so much in evidence. It seems to us that we have little fear of the future when the young people of this state take so much pride in providing for themselves, their families and those less fortunate than themselves in such a worthwhile endeavor.

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Bulletin Board

TUESDAY

The Oceanography and Meteorology Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA Building.

WEDNESDAY

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The New Comer Club will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the MSC Social Room. A program will be presented on flower arrangement by Mrs. Carl Williams.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Voters in six states and the District of Columbia cast ballots Tuesday on subjects ranging a presidential preference to a right-to-work law.

Most of the attention is on Indiana where Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace is challenging a stand-in for President Johnson with a vigorous campaign against the administration's civil rights bill.

Also drawing attention are some sharply contested Senate nomination races in Ohio and Oklahoma, a scramble for Florida's Democratic gubernatorial nomination and the issue of unpledged presidential electors in Alabama.

There are no contests of national significance in the New Mexico and District of Columbia primaries.

In all, nominations will be made for two gubernatorial,

four Senate and 63 House seats. Voters will choose delegates to cast 67 Republican and 153 Democratic votes at the parties' national nominating contions.

Gov. Matthew E. Welsh of Indiana, supporting President Johnson, figures to win that state's Democratic presidential primary. But the question is: How large a share of the votes will Wallace get with his campaign against the civil rights bill now before the Senate?

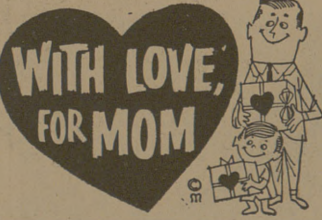
Unknown is how many opponents of a state sales tax backed by Welsh will vote for Wallace in an attempt to embarrass the Indiana governor.

Wallace captured 25 per cent of the total vote and 33 per cent of the Democratic vote in the Wisconsin presidential primary four weeks ago. Many Wisconsin Republicans voted in the Democratic primary. Indiana Republicans can do the same.

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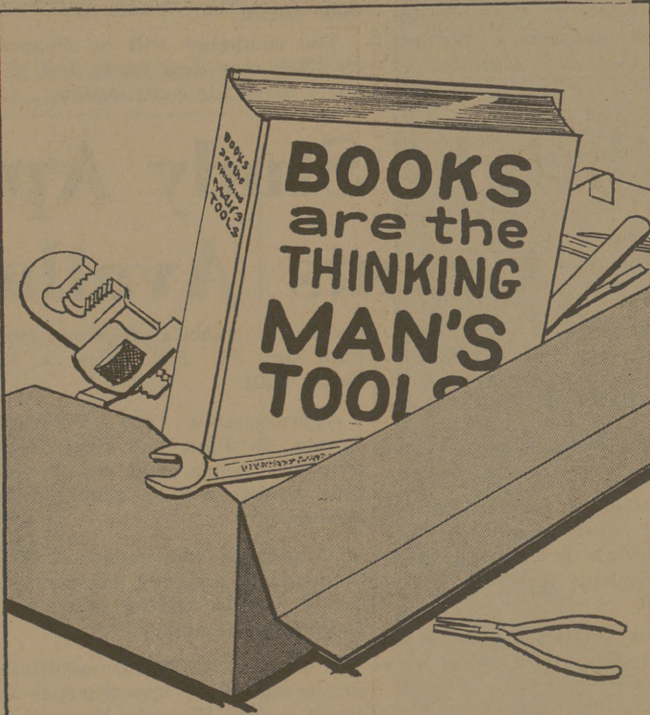
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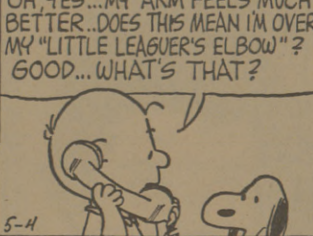
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