

GUEST EDITORIALS

The 18-Year Old Vote: To Be Or Not To Be

A new national committee has been organized to create a public demand for states to lower the voting age to 18. Called simply "Votes" it has issued an impressive summary of the case for lowering the voting age. Each point, though, seems to have its rebuttal.

Age 21 is arbitrary, the committee notes, and derivative from antiquated practices dating back to the days of knighthood, when one had to be 21 to be knighted.

We wonder, however, if 18 as a figure is any less arbitrary. President Truman suggested while in office that the age should be raised to 24. Arbitrary, but no less so.

"If they're old enough to fight, they're old enough to vote," says the committee in another argument.

We prefer to ask if they're old enough to fight. We might also ask what relevance there is to the comparison.

The life span is now over 70 years, "Votes" notes. Extending the franchise "could act as a countervailing influence against staunch conservatism and economic immobility."

True, if that's what you want. What if you're a staunch conservative, or economically immobile?

Turnout will be good because "parents and elders do not want to be outdone by their sons and daughters."

Yet in the three states that presently have voting ages lower than 21 (18 in Kentucky, 19 in Georgia and Alaska), the 18-21 age group has a far lower turnout rate than even the over 65 group.

The committee lists everyone from President Johnson to Abigail VanBuren to Jimmy Hoffa to Mott Snevitz as in favor of the 18-year-old vote. Yet we confess to a little enthusiasm for it. The most compendious research for debate topics has yielded, at most, a 50-50 weight or argument. Arbitrary limit is replaced by arbitrary limit, and we suspect that a tie favors the present system.

Aside from which, three years more of life under one's belt never hurry by way of preparation to exercise the most important prerogative of a democracy.

The Minnesota Daily

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"There must have been a secretary leak—too many guys are usin' this 'host' approach!"

Reds Desperately Seek Answer To Viet Attacks

An (AP) News Analysis By WILLIAM L. RYAN (AP) Special Correspondent

A mob in Moscow, a Castro speech, a new anti-Russian blast from Peking.

Put them all together and they produce a picture of a Communist world desperately needing to do something positive to answer U.S. attacks on North Viet Nam, and probably desperately fearful of doing anything.

The mob, the Castro rage, the Chinese propaganda, tell a story of a Kremlin badgered from all sides, and carry a suggestion that President Johnson may be winning points in his decision to take the bull by the horns in Viet Nam.

The new Moscow rioting would have surprised nobody if it had stayed within the usual bounds. The Soviet Communists need some way to dramatize their protest. What was surprising was that the mob got out of hand, bloodied the noses of Soviet policemen and cried 'Fascist' at them.

The mob was made up largely of Chinese and North Vietnamese students from Moscow and Patrice Lumumba universities. In going beyond normal police indulgence for such demonstrations they produced another painful situation for the Soviet regime. It strains U. S.-Soviet relations, since the Russians had been warned that the Americans demanded protection and respect for U. S. property in Moscow.

It seems reasonable to sus-

pect that the pro-Chinese mob leaders envisaged one more harassment of the Kremlin.

Moscow is the target of new and bitter Chinese propaganda attacks, and of sniping from Communist parties — like Fidel Castro's — for failing to produce anything more than words to answer U. S. actions in Viet Nam.

The Kremlin is nagged by fearful European Communists, afraid on one hand of forever wrecking the world Communist movement, and on the other of bowing to pro-Stalinist pressure which could

ruin communism in advanced countries.

Castro's angry speech was symptomatic of what ails the movement. It reflected impotence and fear that failure to respond more militantly in Viet Nam might encourage the American some day to do something about Cuba. Castro remembers Soviet backdown in the 1962 missile crisis.

It's been said of Castro that the world Communist dispute, heart is in China but his head depends on Moscow.

AMA Conducts Campaign To Combat Medicare

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Medical Association is pumping nearly \$1 million into a whirlwind educational campaign aimed at replacing the administration's Medicare proposals with its own Eldercare program.

Racing against time but feeling it has taken the initiative, the AMA and most of its 50 state medical organizations are attempting to present their case to the public before Congress acts on the administration-backed bill.

The goal of the campaign is to get a large segment of the public to write to their congressmen urging passage of the AMA-backed bill now pending in the House.

In just four weeks, AMA head-

quarters said, it has filled out for more than 14 million pamphlets. A spokesman said requests for material comparing the medical plans have come from individuals, groups, associations, businesses and industries, medical societies, women's clubs, schools and religious groups.

The AMA also has purchased advertising in 6 newspapers, magazines, 13 farm publications and spot announcements on television network and on 2 radio networks. In addition, it has placed announcements on 160 individual television stations and placed a film of an address by Dr. Donovan F. Ward of Des Moines, Iowa, AMA president, on some 40 television stations.

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Sound Off

Editor,

The Battalion: It was with stunned disbelief that I read the editorials sent by The Battalion to former students concerning recent action by the Association of Former Students endorsing the coeducation and non-compulsory Corps participation. What I would like to know is who gave the Association Council the right to act on matters as grave and damaging to our school?

It would seem only reasonable that a vote of all former students would have been taken before such a resolution was adopted, unless the Council was afraid of what the outcome might produce in an actual vote.

Such action as taken by the Council only tends to undermine the faith of former students in the Association and its leaders, and leads one to believe that outside pressures must be involved in this situation.

For years now I have been very concerned over all the talk that A&M must change. Why must we change? Our school has always been known as a school that produced men and leaders that could stand on their own two feet, who are known the world over both in business and the military for their unique quality.

With the changes you have endorsed, our school will become just another SMU, or TU or the like, and our future graduates will be just another group of technicians without that extra ingredient that made A&M men proud, and bonded together the world's largest and closest fraternity of men.

Graduates of other schools are jealous of our traditions and heritage and many of them are even expressing concern over the changes now taking place in College Station. Let's keep our school a place for men that we can be proud of and not just another bit of conformity in our so-called Great Society. Let's keep A&M a place of quality and not quantity. Size is not a measure of greatness and, in fact, will destroy the school we love.

The Corps is A&M and without it the school we cherish is gone. Those students dissatisfied with our school and its lack of social life can certainly go elsewhere. They are not made of fiber we desire in our graduates.

In summation, I feel that the Association leaders and some of the students are doing a great injustice to our school.

Donald B. Gordon, '50

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New Health Plan Wins House Vote

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. John Connally's mental health plan won tentative house approval Thursday, but not before receiving an amendment the sponsor said severely weakens the bill.

Senators, meanwhile, approved and sent to the voters for a decision in November a proposed constitutional amendment extending the life of the veterans land program.

Taking top ceremonial play was Connally, who signed his No. 1 priority higher education coordinating board bill and the forced oil and gas lease pooling bill.

Before advancing the mental health bill on voice vote, House members approved an amendment stripping away a requirement that the commissioner of the proposed "Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation" be a physician.

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