

THE BATTALION

# Agronsky Opinions Valuable To U.S.

"I see no validity to the 'domino theory' of Southeast Asian policy that says if Vietnam goes, so goes the rest of that part of the world."

So said Martin Agronsky, veteran CBS newsmen, in his Monday night presentation in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Agronsky reportedly said he came to A&M with little expectation his opinions were in the majority. In that, he's probably right.

For the military and government the 'domino theory' and policy of containment are two of the most important reasons for our presence in Vietnam today.

It is difficult to argue with a man, who as Agronsky likes to say, "has done his homework" and thoroughly studied the war and its related problems. Certainly a man with the capability and insight gained in 25 years as a correspondent would be able to evaluate the situation in a realistic light.

But it is even more difficult to believe that a communist-supported guerrilla war which was successful in Vietnam would not then inspire guerrilla activity on a much larger scale in other Southeast Asian countries.

A history of Vietnam does point out that the North Vietnamese have repelled the Chinese and Japanese, as well as the French and now the Americans as "aggressors."

But Ho Chi Minh's war against "aggressors" in Vietnam now appears to be a Chinese communist and Russian war of patient country-by-country expansion.

That the war has now committed more men than the Korean War and that it is costing the United States \$24 billion per year is a matter of record — a startling and frightening record.

Agronsky makes an important point when he says the United States, as the world's most powerful nation, should use that power wisely.

And we agree that "there are places in the world where people do not want to be saved for democracy."

In a smaller group discussion with journalism students early Monday Agronsky said if expert accounts of day-to-day incidents created an aversion to war as an instrument of political policy, then some good may come from the news media's casualty pictures and reports.

But assuming American public opinion did abhor war in a later confrontation in Thailand, or Laos or India, would communist nations have also learned their lesson in Vietnam?

The problem is extremely complex. There are no easy solutions. The United States cannot just easily either use its full power and potential or withdraw completely.

As Agronsky says, the war has its own snowballing effect and now lurks on the edge of uncontrol. He is right in saying we cannot be certain or should not assume Red China might not step in if pushed hard enough.

As he said, we are trapped between "an unobtainable victory and an unacceptable peace."

The Vietnam war has created more dissent, more criticism, and more so-called solutions than any other war in our country's history.

Maybe it is time for the United States to "re-examine the doctrine of American infallibility."

Maybe few here do agree with Agronsky's view of the war and our policies, but "If I have helped people to continue to think about the critical issues of the world today, then my time has in no way been wasted."

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# Pollsters Give Low Rating To 'Potheads'

NEW YORK (AP)—Only about 6 per cent of American college students have ever tried marijuana, according to a Gallup Poll survey, and not more than 1 per cent have experimented with LSD.

The poll was taken among students at 426 colleges for Reader's Digest, which published the findings in its November issue.

"Projected to the nation's six million college students," the magazine says, "the figures would indicate some 300,000 users, rather than the rumored 'millions.' But, of course, not all of the affirmative answers indicate regular users."

The article stated that most students questioned, "while tolerant toward their fellows who have become 'potheads' and 'acid heads,' nevertheless have a low opinion of the victims. LSD was particularly condemned."

# Chancellor Finds Pot In Garden

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Marijuana plants were found growing Monday in the garden of Chancellor Roger W. Heys, proving that the day of the student prank is not yet gone.

Sgt. Joseph Halleran of the campus police said the plants apparently had been transplanted to the garden sometime Thursday night.

Whoever did the transplanting wanted his handiwork to become public. The Daily Californian, student newspaper, was notified about the plants via an anonymous telephone call.

# Homer Stallings Dies At Home

Homer A. Stallings, 43, tabulation equipment supervisor at Texas A&M's Data Processing Center, died unexpectedly early Friday at home.

Stallings, an A&M employe since 1954, was found dead in bed about 6 a.m. Friday. He lived with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Simec, Rt. 3, Bryan.

A native of Paris, Stallings graduated from Masonic Home High School in Fort Worth and attended Rice and SMU before earning a bachelor of business administration degree from North Texas State University.

Survivors include a brother, R. J. Stallings of Houston, and a sister, Mrs. Eleanor Garner of Dallas.

# Sidewalk Stand Saved By Governor

By JIM STROTHMAN  
Associated Press Writer  
SATELLITE BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Gov. Claude Kirk personally put a freckle-faced boy's sidewalk refreshment stand back in business Tuesday, and managed to plug orange juice and free enterprise and knock the Johnson Administration and red tape all in the same free sip.

"We cannot declare to great industries across the nation that Florida offers a cooperative climate for business unless we also show that even an orange drink stand gets a measure of attention and understanding from state government," Kirk said as he walked up to the stand.

Billy Churchill's business, the one that the Brevard County Health Department closed down because he was operating without a permit, is frozen ice. But Billy, who believes the customer is always right, dashed into the house and came back with the orange juice. Kirk drained it.

Kirk cut a ceremonial "red tape" ribbon as the small busi-

nessman opened his stand for the first time in five weeks.

The 11-year-old's problem is symbolic of one "faced by millions of Americans today: individual initiative stifled by governmental red tape," Kirk said. "This is 180 degrees opposed from the Johnson Administration, which seems to be opposed to free enterprise. The only thing I hope is that Billy's prices stay competitive," he quipped.

More than 300 neighbors and school chums overflowed the Churchill's front yard at what may be the most publicized ice-pop stand in history.

"It's wonderful that the governor would do this for me," said red-haired Billy. "It's real fine. I hope to make lots of money."

Billy's father, William F. Churchill, said, "The whole thing started off as ridiculous and ended up ridiculous. When it takes an act from the governor to keep a kid's sidewalk stand in business what else can you call it but ridiculous?"

# Bulletin Board

**TODAY**  
Aggie Wives' Bridge Club will meet in the M.S.C. Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. The club has been divided into beginning, intermediate and advanced sections.

**THURSDAY**  
San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 108 Academic Building.  
Pre-Vet Society will meet in the Amphitheater of the Large Animal Clinic at 7:30 p.m.  
Galveston Island Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3A of the MSC to plan the all college dance.

Texarkana Hometown Club will meet in room 2-c of the M.S.C. at 7 p.m.

Houston Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Physics Building.

American Meteorological Society will hear Dr. Guy Franceschini, Dr. J. R. Scoggins and J. Arnold who will discuss surface temperature signatures over Eastern Texas at 7:30 p.m. in 305 Goodwin Hall.

Bell County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 205 of the Academic Building.

**FRIDAY**  
Society of Iranian Students will meet in the YMCA at 6 p.m.  
A&M Women's Social Club will meet in the Ballroom of the M.S.C. at 3 p.m.

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**PEANUTS**  
By Charles M. Schulz

1. SNOOPY, I HAVE GREAT NEWS FOR YOU...

2. I AM GOING TO LET YOU SIT IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH WITH ME THIS YEAR, AND WAIT FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE "GREAT PUMPKIN"!

3. HMM... TO QUOTE A WELL-WORN AND TIME-HONORED PHRASE...

4. "THRILLSVILLE!"