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John Hotard

The Film! The Film! Where's The Film?

More private conversations are discreetly overheard by newspaper columnists than this world dreams of. Such was the case in the lobby of the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth Saturday after the March Along With Minze.

Peace Threatened In Middle East

(Editor's note: Members of the Arab Students Organization of Texas A&M have asked that the following statement of opinion be published in response to Tuesday's Battalion editorial "Egyptian Attack Threatens Peace.")

THE BATTALION

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Editor, The Battalion: The creation of the state of Israel in 1948, which resulted in the dislodgement and dispossession of 1.5 million Arab refugees and the Israeli occupation of huge tracts of Arab lands in 1967 are both justifiable and just to the editors of The Battalion, but the attempt of Egypt to expel the Israelis from its own territory amounts to criminal surgery, or so the editorial of the Tuesday issue of The Battalion sought to instruct us.

This is a logic both sad and unfortunate; sad because it reveals a contempt for the intellect of the readership and unfortunate because it exposes an inability or, worse still, reluctance to present the full dimensions of the issue at stake.

I will not dwell on the inadequacies of the articles, both journalistic and factual, for they are only too obvious; I rather like to point out that in paragraph 9 you plainly state that it is "unfortunate that the war might not have continued another three days with the complete occupation of all Egyptian territory."

I must plainly admit that, to me, this statement reveals a pathological attitude towards international human relations unbecoming of a respectable campus newspaper; finally, I believe The Battalion could have managed to be a bit "less royal than the King."

Your v. truly, S. El-Bihari, Sudan (Africa) Entomology Dept. I.D. No. 661017

Editor, The Battalion: The Arab Club at Texas A&M University read, with great shock and dismay, the editorial of The Battalion, entitled "Egyptian Attack Threatens Peace", dated Tuesday, October 24, 1967. It is regrettable that The Battalion has allowed such absurd ideology to be published.

We believe that The Battalion owes a public apology to the Arab students on this campus. Furthermore, we feel that it is not The Battalion's position as a student publication to take sides on international issues in an editorial article.

The Arab Student Club Texas A&M University Mehdi Hnoosh President

Editor, The Battalion: In response to your article "Egyptian Attack Threatens Peace", may I quote the "Statement of Principles" framed in your office. "The editors of the student publications are expected to be guided by the accepted ethics of their profession and to keep within the bounds of truthfulness, accuracy, sincerity, fair play, decency, impartiality, etc."

The article was not truthful or accurate when it said that "without the oil it bargains with, Egypt would be exposed by most nations as a fraud to peace." Egypt does not have any sizable amounts of oil and must import oil that helps to satisfy internal consumption.

The article was not sincere or in fair play. It said that "it's doubtful that the word of the Egyptian government could last 20 days." Egypt kept its word in not starting the war in June which ended in the cause of the destruction of the Egyptian air force and cost them the battle. The day before, June 4, 1967, Israeli officials, as well as President Nasser, both gave their promises to let diplomatic sources work out a peaceful solution in the area. You may also recall that President Nasser's vice-president was coming on June 6, 1967, to Washington to discuss a political solution to the crisis.

The article was not decent in speculating that "Egypt may soon have a new and rude awakening." Who are you to judge and condemn the Egyptian people in the faith in their government. President Nasser, in his own

country, is more popular and has the backing of more Arab people than your own president, Lyndon Baines Johnson, among the American people.

The article was obviously partial to Israel. It is clear and evident that whoever wrote that article did not abide by the above mentioned principles. It was intended to create unwarranted ill-feelings between the Arab students and their American hosts.

I believe that whoever wrote this article should be removed from the Battalion and reprimanded for not abiding by the ethical standards of the Battalion.

Ralph Sinno Graduate Student Texas A&M University

Editor, The Battalion: I would like to add my comments to those of Mr. Richard Owen concerning the recent service on which Southwestern States Telephone Co. has provided for College Station. I can only agree wholeheartedly with most of his comments.

Most apparent to everyone is the lack of facilities. Only now is the telephone company beginning to build the facilities — the Centrex system for the campus and enlarged facilities at the College Station office — which should have begun back in 1964 when I was a "fish". I cannot but think that this speaks for a company which does not plan its

expenditures and expansions far enough ahead to meet the demand for increased service when it becomes necessary.

I, too, have had occasion to need time and charges for long distance calls. If Mr. Owen got this information, he is more fortunate than I have been on occasion.

Recently, I tried for several days to arrange a conference call. After arranging for all three parties to be available, we placed the call. We reached two of these, but the telephone company could not reach the other one. Later, we found that the operator was using a Los Angeles number with a Washington area code. No wonder we couldn't complete the call!

Most important to the 12,000 Aggies, is the lack of long distance lines and of operating pay phones. This past Sunday I drove to several pay phones in College Station, all of which did not work. Finally I drove to the College Station office of the telephone company. Only one of the several phones outside the office worked, and it was not even a pay phone.

I think that the residents of the Bryan-College Station area deserve better service from this public servant.

If Southwestern States feels that this letter is unduly harsh, I would suggest to them that the service they provide justifies this and much more.

Frank W. Tilley '68

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