

# Mother Goose Rhyme On Vietnam

Humpty Dumpty (S. Vietnam) sat on a wall (Viet Cong), Humpty Dumpty had a graeat fall (one of the worst wars in American history), all the King's horses (armed might) and all the King's men (enlisted, drafted and now reservists) couldn't put Humpty together again.

It's amazing how a Mother Goose rhyme so closely parallels the United States and free world peril in the Vietnam War.

Few people realize that the staging statistics which represent the number of men on duty, the number killed thus far, the amount of supply, and the total cost of this war is rapidly approaching the size of the Second World War, when this nation fought for five years against two of the world's most powerful and determined enemies.

To be sure, an outright surrender tomorrow by the VC and North Vietnamese would still leave U. S. men in Vietnam for 15 to 20 years as they have been in Korea. And even that would not insure South Vietnamese democracy with a stable economy.

A little more than a month ago 10,000 Air Force reservists were recalled to active duty, and that included several Aggies here on the campus.

A couple of weeks ago 10,000 additional combat-ready troops were airlifted to Vietnam to provide additional strength.

A week ago there was a strong hint that the President would ask Congress to authorize a higher troop limit than the 525,000 maximum now in effect.

And in the past week, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have tentatively proposed the callup of about 50,000 Army National Guardsmen and Marine Reservists to bolster U. S. forces within our own country to replace those going to Southeast Asia.

New draft laws will reduce the number of students able to receive graduate deferments, and any student who drops out for lack of grades has just bought himself a ticket abroad.

Much of the economy is geared toward wartime production, and along with it the threat of inflation and new taxation.

Although this country will not declare it so, and although Vietnam may go down in the history books as a "conflict" as did Korea, this country is at war.

A complete re-evaluation of this country's foreign policy is not only necessary, it is mandatory. This country has already lost much prestige in the war and it may have to lose some more face again to bail itself out at all.

We must either risk war with Russia and China and press with whatever means available to win, or we must admit some tactical error and, like the French, leave Vietnam.

We cannot maintain a hold-the-line strategy.

# Nevada Governor, Hughes Plan Molding Of State's Future

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)—Gov. Paul Laxalt said Tuesday he and industrialist Howard Hughes are helping put together a private foundation that will plan comprehensively the future of Nevada.

It will reach into every aspect of the lives of the state's citizens — including moral and spiritual education.

Hughes, who in the last year has invested millions in Las Vegas hotel-casinos and other property, assigned one of his key executives — John Meier — to the idea. Laxalt so far has named three members of a five-man board of trustees, including Meier.

Meier said the idea of the

foundation was his, adding that Bob Robertson, a Laxalt aide, is the key administration man in the planning.

"Hughes hopefully would be one of the first contributors," said Laxalt. Meier declined comment on this subject.

Robertson said the idea is unique in government because it may combine a proposed state planning agency with a nonprofit corporation to receive donations and make studies.

Proposed surveys range through preventative medical health, nutritional inadequacies, public relief and poverty, moral and spiritual education to industrial development, including the gambling-tourist industry.

## Battalion Interview

# Drug Use Questioned

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Donald J. Merki, assistant professor of health, has noticed many misbeliefs and misunderstandings concerning drugs and narcotics. Dr. Merki, who has done extensive research in this field, answers the following questions on narcotics. Thursday's Battalion will carry a second story by Dr. Merki on the hallucinogens which include LSD.)

**BATTALION:** What are narcotics?

**MERKI:** Medically defined, narcotics are drugs producing sleep or stupor or relieves pain, which includes drugs of the opium family. Legally defined, narcotics includes drugs such as marijuana which are pharmacologically not a narcotic.

**BATTALION:** What drugs are medically narcotics?

**MERKI:** They are heroin, morphine, opium and codeine.

**BATTALION:** What are the side effects of these drugs?

**MERKI:** They cause nausea, vomiting, constipation, itching, respiratory and constriction of the pupils.

**BATTALION:** What will abusive use of these drugs cause?

**MERKI:** Abuse, which means using a drug for no other reason than pursuing the side effects, will cause a reduction in sensitivity to physical and psychological stimuli and will produce a feeling of euphoria. The person using the drug will also become indifferent to his environment.

**BATTALION:** Can drugs be used in moderation?

**MERKI:** No, the user develops a physical and psychological dependence on the drug. After the first fix, there is no sense of "in moderation." You can't talk a person out of using drugs or can he control the urge to have larger amounts of it.

**BATTALION:** How can a person stop using drugs?

**MERKI:** You treat him like an alcoholic, by just depriving him of the drug, but if he has one fix after shaking the habit, he is hooked again.

**BATTALION:** What are the effects of giving up drugs?

**MERKI:** Withdrawal causes nervousness, vomiting, hot and cold flashes and an obsession to get another fix. The longer the person has used drugs, the more severe the withdrawal is.

**BATTALION:** How soon after the fix does withdrawal begin?

**MERKI:** Withdrawal begins eight to twelve hours after the fix and can last from five to ten days. Fear of withdrawal keeps more people on drugs rather than that they like drugs.

**BATTALION:** Is there any medical use for heroin?

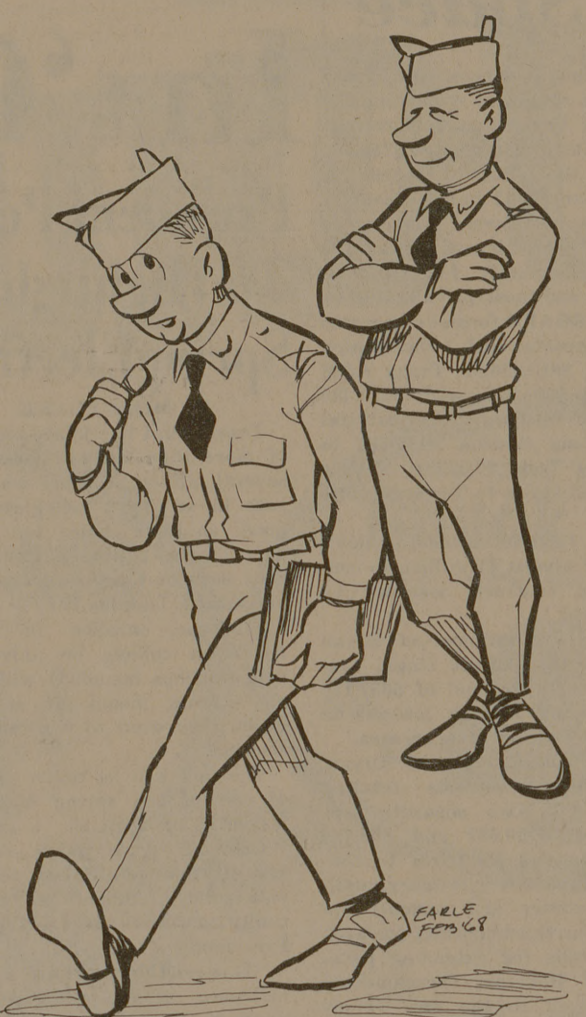
**MERKI:** Unlike many drugs which have a legitimate medi-

cal use, heroin, or horse, as it is known, has none. The opium poppy extract is not used because it produces inconsistent results.

**BATTALION:** Is the possession of drugs illegal?

**MERKI:** It is illegal to possess heroin, but other drugs may be obtained by prescription from pharmacies. Federal law strictly regulates the manufacture and sale of drugs and records are kept of their sale.

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