

Gas & Guns Will Not Help Cities

Like the troops at Khe Sanh who have been digging in and sandbagging their positions in preparation for a Communist attack, police in most major American cities have been preparing for riot warfare predicted again for this summer.

Riot control equipment includes the normal arsenal of shotguns, tear gas, pistols, helmets, loud speakers and dogs. Maybe necessary but frightening is a new armored personnel carrier which has been introduced. It weighs 20 tons, runs on tank treads, and can carry 20 police officers into a sniper-ridden area in safety.

Rioters will have to counter with bazookas and anti-tank launches which they purchased at their favorite wholesale gun shop or mail-order house.

Detroit Mayor James Cavanaugh has appeared on city-wide television several times to warn citizens not to take the law into their own hands. Both Negroes and Whites have been buying fire arms at an unprecedented rate.

Although contrary to social expectations, Southern cities have been relatively free of the racial warfare which has raged in Northern cities.

Perhaps there is more apathy among Negroes in the South, for the problems of racial equality are just as great as they are in Detroit, Chicago or New York.

It is difficult to explain how such murder and destruction can occur in this country and under a system of democracy.

That both sides are arming themselves and predicting further violence promotes anarchy and civil war.

Apparently there is even little hope left in the South as evidenced by Texas Adjutant Gen. Thomas Bishop who says he thinks Texas cannot avoid a riot "very much longer."

That's an attitude which has resigned itself to trouble, is defeatist and actually inviting.

Bishop said a force of 10,000 guardsmen is included in state riot plans, and the guard's response would "parallel the intensity of the rioting and then reduce as order is restored."

In every state, there is a plan for the use of military forces to suppress rebellion.

On the other hand, there are very few who are willing to diagnose the cause behind the trouble, and apparently no one is willing to alleviate the trouble through costly yet necessary expenditures and reorganization.

The problem is the worst internal problem since the Civil War and yet cities can only look to solve it through an awesome display of firepower, armored cars, and the activation of military troops.

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion:
The MSC Bridge Committee, your student bridge club, is in need of a new chairman. The present chairman, who is leaving the committee for personal reasons, sees many bright possibilities in the future for a well-run, well-organized student bridge club.

club as a challenging chance to gain managerial experience in working with people and building an organization, as well as being an honor in providing A&M with a student bridge club.

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JOHN R. HENSLEY

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"Regulation or not, I'm wearin' it until this weather settles down!"

Bulletin Board

TODAY

The Aerospace Engineering Wives Club will hear Dr. S. W. Kowierschki speak on cancer at 7:30 p.m. at the Bank of A&M.

The DeWitt-Lavaca County Hometown Club will discuss a spring party at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Academic Building.

The Bell County Hometown Club will discuss a spring party at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205 of the Academic Building.

The Mid-County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

The Lubbock-South Plains Hometown Club will choose a club sweetheart at 7:45 p.m. in the Birch Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The Fashion Group of the A&M Social Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Bryan Building and Loan.

The Austin Hometown Club will make plans for an Easter party at 7:30 p.m. in Room 107 of the Academic Building.

The Department of Mathematics will present a colloquium conducted by Dr. R. J. Duffin concerning the potential theory on

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