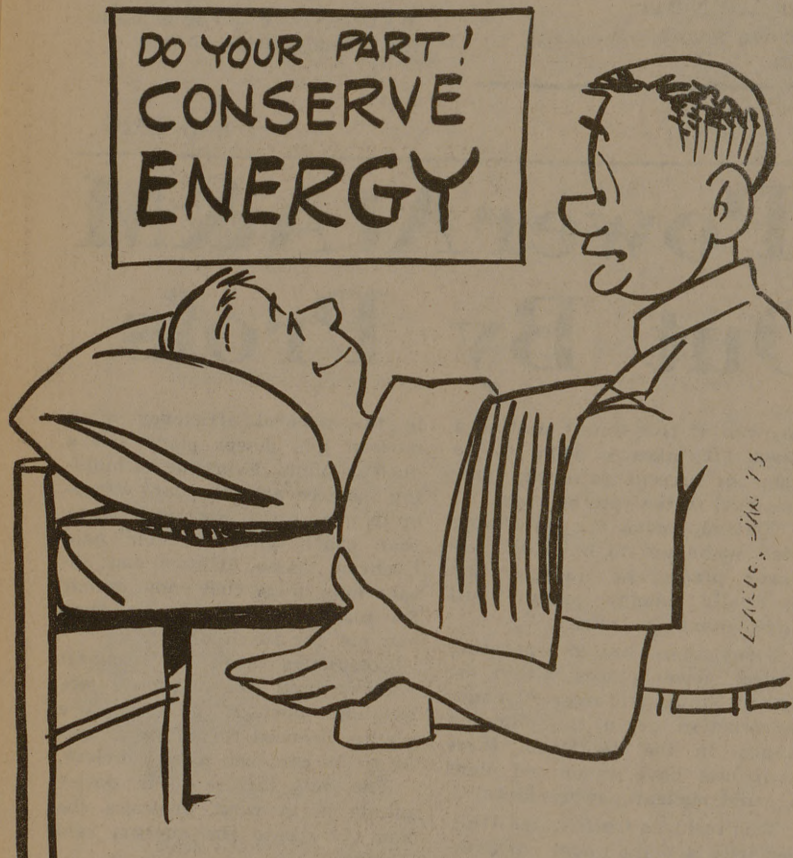


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"It's electrical energy that they're trying to save—not your physical energy!"

Editor: Having read Debi Blackmon's article about the impending demolition of the old water tower, we have but one question: Why? We can see why a new tower might be needed, but since the new tower is not to be built in the same place, why must the old tower go? Will its present location be used for a better purpose? (Perhaps a few cars could be parked there, it is true.) Does it constitute a public hazard? (It "shakes in the wind", but does that mean it is ready to collapse?) Why can't the tower be drained and left standing? It is a landmark; it is tradition. "Welcome to Aggieland" is a pleasant sight for many of us returning to A&M and it doesn't hurt to advertise to travelers.

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the bomb damaged Bach Mai Hospital in North Vietnam. I sometimes wonder about the integrity of those who swallow every bit of "news" that comes out of countries such as North Vietnam, while violently disbelieving every word that is given out from our government or its allies. What do these people intend to do about the buildings that have ruthlessly been bombed by the Viet Cong in South Vietnam? Of these thousands of buildings, many were hospitals, also destroyed were thousands of schools, churches, cafes, theatres, hotels, stores, and market places, in fact any place where people gathered in large or small groups became a target of the Viet Cong. The only difference from the U.S. bombing of the North was that each one of these bombings was deliberate in its intention to slaughter innocent civilians, the

military men caught in the bombs were only incidental. Seldom has the world seen a more cold blooded terror campaign, yet how many times have the liberals spoken out in criticism of these atrocities? I would venture to say that the A&M Polo Club (no slight intended) has had more national coverage than these Communist atrocities. Let me ask the Bach Mai Hospital Fund Committee one question: When will you start a fund for the South Vietnamese who have been bombed by their enemies? Or will you, since these people don't really matter, they're not Communists? Will these people become the forgotten ones of the war, since they do not have the liberal watchdogs on their side? Answer me that one, Ramsey Clark.

Free University Night Slated For Wednesday

The Free University will be available for A&M students again this semester with several new courses added. Pastor Hubert Beck will present two courses, "The Life That Changed the World" and "An Audio-Visual Workshop on Life." Dr. T. K. Treadwell will present a program on oceanography and Dr. A. M. Sherwood will cover bioengineering. "Hangups in Ethnic and Racial Relations—The Local Scene," Dr. James Coop, and "Urban and Regional Planning," Dr. J. H. Hinojosa, will also be presented. These programs will continue with "Human Socio-biology," Dr. J. Van Overbeek, "Gourmet Cooking," Gertrud Adam, and "Adventure in Auto Economy," Dr. Robert Fletcher. "English Debating Style" by Lincoln Union and "Speech Im-

pediments" by Dr. Jim Robinette will complete the series. Any student interested in taking a Free University course (except "Urban and Regional Planning") should attend Free University night, Wednesday at 8:00 in DeWare Field House. Instructors will be available to explain the programs. Those interested in Dr. Hinojosa's course should meet with him in the Architecture Auditorium at 7:30 the same night.

Viewpoint

The UN's Red Delimma

by Norman Cousins

The big drama these days at the United Nations is being played out by the Soviet Union and China. For years, many political commentators had predicted that if Mainland China were to be admitted to the United Nations it would form a giant Communist bloc with the Soviet Union in order to dominate the United Nations. What has actually happened is that, far from combining their strength, the two major Communist powers have become the two principal antagonists at the United Nations. The present rivalry between the Soviet Union and China is far more the result of conflicting national interests than of different interpretations of Communist theory and its application in the modern world. At the heart of the controversy is something as tangible and nontheoretical as a struggle over territory. The Chinese want the Russians to return the vast area seized during the period of czarist military expansion into Asia. The Soviet leaders not only have served notice that they do not feel obligated to liquidate the empire they inherited but are prepared to defend their territory by force, if necessary. The result is that both countries are eyeball to eyeball in Asia, with military forces primed for instant action. Large-scale clashes have, in fact, occurred.

Both sides have done their best to keep the news of the fighting from erupting into big headlines throughout the world, but the fact remains that guns have been fired and men have been killed. The spillover of this conflict is now apparent at the United Nations. During one of the recent debates in the General Assembly, China called for abolition of nuclear stockpiles. The vigorous opposition to this position was expressed not by the United States but by the Soviet Union. Twenty years ago, when the debate over nuclear disarmament raged in the United Nations, it was the Soviet Union that demanded the elimination of nuclear stockpiles. Today, however, the Soviet Union opposes such elimination. In explaining their stand to their fellow delegates at the United Nations, the Russians frankly express apprehension about the wisdom of placing themselves at a possible military disadvantage with respect to China. This is not to say that the split between Russia and China has no ideological underpinnings. Both countries have been contending for leadership inside the Communist world. China has denounced the Soviet Union for having deviated from Marx. One of the main items on its bill of particulars has been the fact that the Soviet leaders have favored a policy of coexistence with the

capitalist United States. Now that the Chinese themselves are embarking on a new and friendly relationship with the United States, the conclusion is clear that national interests come ahead of ideology. It is also clear that the Chinese have no intention of renouncing the reacquisition of the lands seized by the czar. This means that China has decided it does not wish to face two powerful foes at the same time. One of the most ancient axioms of international politics is that if a nation is faced with two potential enemies it should make friends with one of them. To China, the differences with the United States are half a world away; the differences with the Soviet Union are in their back yard. There can be no comfort for Americans in the fact of a possible Chinese-Russian violent showdown. A major war today, especially if fought with nuclear weapons, could lead to a global holocaust. The only way the United States can benefit from the Chinese-Russian competition is to prevent it from becoming combustible. It is one of history's greatest ironies that Richard M. Nixon's principal claim to a high place in history may rest on his ability to prevent a war between the world's two major Communist powers.

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