

ITALY REJECTS YUGO
OFFER TO "SWAP"

ROME, March 23 (AP)—A foreign ministry spokesman said today Italy has flatly rejected Yugoslavia's offer to swap Trieste for the Italian city of Gorizia.

The Western Allies proposed the return of the free territory of Trieste to Italy last Saturday. Yugoslavia countered yesterday with an offer to relinquish her claims on Trieste if Italy will give up Gorizia, to the north.

The Italian answer came only a few hours after great throngs roared "viva Trieste" welcomed Premier Alcide De Gasperi and Foreign Minister Count Carlo Sforza back to Rome.

ARREST MEAT STRIKERS
AT FORT WORTH PLANT

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 23 (AP)—Six strikers at the Armour & Co. packing plant were arrested last night and booked on charges of violating the new state anti-mass picketing law.

The strikers were arrested after Lee McClendon, 45, a worker at the plant, was struck over the right eye with a beer bottle.

BIDAULT, BEVIN TO
MEET WITH MARSHALL

PARIS, March 23 (AP)—Official quarters said today French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and probably British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will confer with Secretary Marshall in the United States next month.

YUGOSLAV WILLING TO GIVE
TRIESTE TO ITALY

BELGRADE, March 23 (AP)—The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Stanoje Simic, said last night his government is willing to consider giving Trieste to Italy.

Simic told a news conference the Belgrade government is prepared to seek through mutual efforts an agreed solution to the Trieste question.

He said Yugoslavia is willing even to go so far as a compromise which would give Trieste to Italy, and allocating Gorizia—a town north of the Adriatic port city—to Yugoslavia.

UN VOTES ANTI-COMMUNIST
MEMBERS TO COUNCIL

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., March 23 (AP)—The United Nations Security Council voted 9 to 2 yesterday to seat anti-communist Jan Papanek for the debate on the Czechoslovak Communist grab.

Only Russia and the Soviet Union voted against hearing the recently discharged Czechoslovak delegate to the U. N.

The council moved quickly after Argentina had demanded that the council give Papanek a chance to speak up. He was fired by the new Prague Communist regime after the death of Jan Masaryk.

GUARDS STRENGTHENED
ON YUGOSLAV BORDER

ROME, March 23 (AP)—The government-controlled Rome radio said last night that military guards along the Yugoslav border of the Trieste free territory have been reinforced by fresh detachments of American and British troops.

Military attaches of the American embassy in Rome said they had no knowledge of the report.

CLEVELAND FLOOD HITS
HALF-MILLION DOLLAR LOSS

CLEVELAND, March 23 (AP)—Flood damage in the wake of the worst rainstorm to deluge Cleveland and its suburbs in 35 years today went over the \$500,000 mark.

Estimated damage included: \$30,000 to city cultural gardens; \$35,000 to Brookside Park and Cleveland Zoo; \$25,000 to Cleveland pavements and curbing; \$100,000 to streets and homes in large suburbs, mostly on the east side; \$350,000 to power, transportation, utility and transit lines.

EATON SAYS WW III
"NOT VERY REMOTE"

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Chairman Eaton (R-NJ) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said yesterday the possibility of a third world war "is not very remote."

Eaton was asking the House Rules Committee to send to the House floor quickly legislation for \$5,205,000,000 (B) worth of economic and military aid to Western Europe, China, Greece and Turkey.

A little earlier, the Foreign Affairs Committee had formally reported the bill. It said in a report to the House that "the very survival of the United States" is at stake in the present program to stop Communism and help Europe recover economically.

WEATHER

East Texas—Fair this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday, slightly warmer in west and south portions tonight; gentle to moderate variable winds on the coast becoming moderate southerly Wednesday.

West Texas—Fair this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday; slightly warmer tonight.

Batt Quits With
Wednesday Issue

The last Batt before the Easter holidays will roll off the press Wednesday afternoon according to Roland Bing, manager of student publications.

Persons wishing to submit stories for publication in the Wednesday issue are asked to bring them to The Batt office, Room 201, Goodwin Hall before 5 p. m., Tuesday.

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ROYAL COURT—These members of the A&M Agronomy Society and their TSCW beauties will reign at the Cotton Ball and Pageant to be held here April 15. Front row, left to right, are: FRED ROBERTSON, MARY LOU JORDAHL, DOYLE PETERS, HELEN TALLEY, JOYCE GILSTRAP, and BOB SMITH. Seated on the sofa, left to right, are: DAN STEDMAN, JEANNINE HOLLAND, MARTHA JEAN LANGSTON (Queen), WALLACE HACKLER (King), DOROTHY MANGUM, and BARNEY GRIMM. Standing are: THOMAS O'BRIEN, JEANNE ROUTH, VERA ADAMS, BILL MARTIN, ROSE MARIE KLEYPAS, and NEAL STITES.

From Palestrina to St. Louis Blues . . .

Westminster Choir Exhibits Variety of Choral Singing

By VICK LINDLEY

With a two-part program that ranged from 400-year-old church music to the St. Louis Blues, the Westminster Choir last night pleased the Town Hall audience. Under the direction of their founder, dignified, grey-headed Dr. John Finley Williamson, the group exhibited the rich bass and soaring soprano voices that have earned them world-wide applause.

The second part of the program—and the most popular with the audience last night—was a series of American folk songs. These were prepared by the choir with the assistance of the Librarian of Congress for their last European tour, to show Europe what true American music is like. Quite a few of them were "repeats" from the recent Tom Scott Town Hall program.

This group included "There is a Balm in Gilead," "Soldier, Soldier," "Go Way from My Window," "St. Louis Blues," and "Old Man River." Also "Lane County Bachelor" which was set in Kansas but sounded as though it might have been Texas, with its startling "Yipeeee!" opening and references to sand and bugs. "Skip to My Lou," "I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger," the amusing "Deaf Woman's Courtship," "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel," and "Roll Jordan Roll."

The classical part of the program opened with Palestrina's "Stabat Mater," written for the boy's choir of St. Peter's in Rome 400 years ago. The program carried on through such classical Germans as Bach, Schubert and Brahms.

Among modern numbers, the choir sang the sonorous all-male arrangement of "The Crusaders" by the American composer Edward MacDowell; achieved a brilliant contrast by following immediately with the fairy-light "Song without Words," to be sung of a summer night on the water, by the late Englishman, Frederick Delius. "At Montserrat" by the Spanish modern Antoni Nicolau pictured the funeral of a choir boy in a monastery, ending with the ghostly music of the boy's buried violin heard from heaven.

Handel, the German-English composer who wrote the timely "Hallelujah Chorus," was fond of musical pranks, and one of them was sung by the choir last night. "Haste-Three Nymph" has a joyous "Ha ha ha!" chorus which set the audience laughing along with the choir.

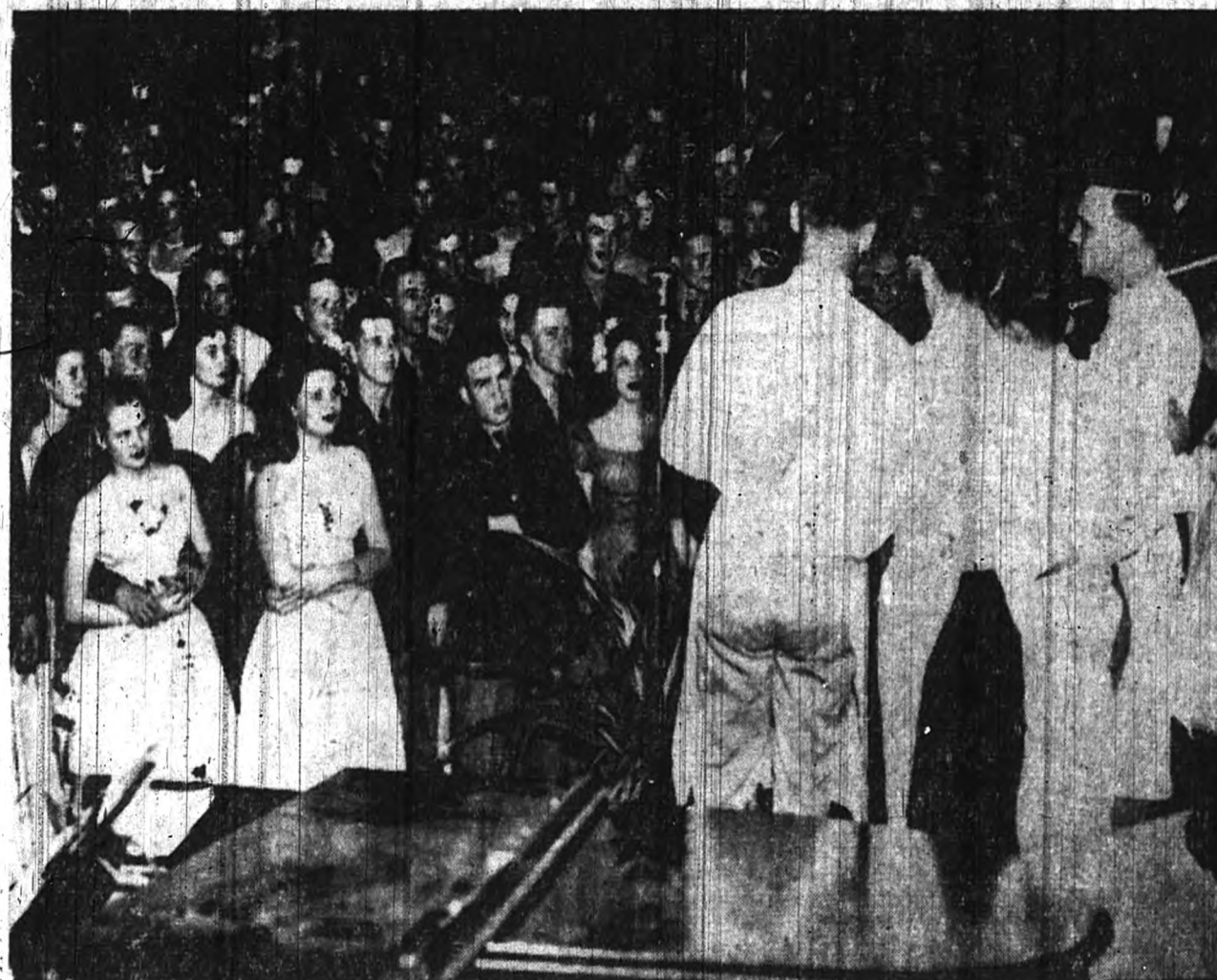
Clean-Up Week For Texas, April 4 - 11

Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, is urging all communities and cities in the state to cooperate in Texas Clean-Up Week, April 4-11.

Dr. Cox said a general clean-up program should include surface cleaning, drainage, grading of streets and alley, cleaning of parks and playgrounds, and the clearing of weeds and rubbish from vacant lots.

"The destruction of mosquito breeding places and rat harborage, the proper disposal of garbage, and trash, and the general cleaning of all premises," Dr. Cox said, "will be of inestimable value in helping to keep down summer health hazards such as dysentery, typhoid and poliomyelitis."

Dr. Cox stressed the fact that many dangerous diseases are filthy-borne, and the only possible way to control them is to eliminate the unsanitary conditions responsible for their spread.



THE JUNIOR PROM was a gala affair Friday night, as hundreds of Aggies and their dates danced to the music of the Aggieland Orchestra. At midnight the dancers adjourned to Goodwin to take part in the yell practices.

Chem Students Cause Manufacturers Misery . . .

First Senior Rings Went Back; Test Found All Lead-Plugged

By BOB WEYNAND

After three years of bleeding, sweating and weeping copiously, Aggie seniors are permitted to work a band of engraved gold over the knuckles of their third fingers. It's more than just a ring, however; it's a symbol of determination and toil.

The desire for such a symbol to represent A&M was first voiced by the class of 1894. A committee, under A. C. Jonas, a member of the class recognized for his artistic ability, was appointed by the class to offer suggestions for the design of the ring.

Jonas' design was submitted to the thirty-two members of the class of '94, approved, and a contract was made with a New York firm to manufacture the rings.

Since its creation, the ring has incorporated three factors in its design. On one side has always been the school seal, on the opposite side the military insignia of crossed rifle and saber superimposed on a vertical cannon, and on the crown the eagle, date of graduation, and the letters "A&M" or the words "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas."

No radical change has been made in the ring's composition since its creation, but various minor improvements have been made all along. In 1934 the state and national flags were added as background to the crossed rifle and saber and the seal, and the present crown was added. In 1943 the shield which came in with the 1934 changes was raised and the ring enlarged.

Allin F. Mitchell of the class of 1894 who roomed with Jonas, the ring's designer, and who gave much information about the origin of the ring, was professor of engineering drawing for 43 years before his retirement. He still wears his ring which he received eight years after graduation because the '94 rings were lead-plugged and had to be remade. The basic design is still well embodied on the ring with the '94 remaining firm despite the wear of the years.

Next Year's Freshmen to Live At A&M Annex, Directors Rule

Dr. Mayo Elected Head of College English Teachers

Dr. Thomas F. Mayo, head of the A&M English department, was named president of the Texas Conference of College Teachers of English at a one-day meeting held Saturday in Houston's Rice Hotel. Other new officers include Dr. Robert Rhode of Texas A&I, Kingsville, vice-president, and Dr. L. N. Wright of Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Mayo replaces Dr. L. M. Ellison of Texas State College for Women. L. E. Derrick, also of San Marcos, was named assistant business manager, and directors include Dr. Truman Camp of Texas Tech, Lubbock; Dr. John W. Bowyer of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and Dr. Troy Crenshaw of East Texas State College, Commerce.

Houston Engineer To Address SAM

Homer Briggs, chairman of the Houston Chapter of the American Society of Tool Engineers, will address the A&M Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management at its regular meeting March 30, at 7:15 p. m., in the YMCA Lecture Room. Speaking on "The Functions of a Tool Design Department," Briggs will outline the integration and cooperation of the tool design department with the other plant departments.

Briggs is presently associated with the Reed Roller Bit Company of Houston.

Continuance of "Little Aggieland" Needed To Avoid Overcrowding on Central Campus

By CHARLIE MURRAY

"Little Aggieland" will function for one more year.

The college board of directors, at their spring meeting in Beaumont last week, resolved as follows:

"It is ordered that the use of Bryan Army Air Field is to be continued for one more year. The president of the college is directed to bring to the board an estimate of needed repairs for one year's occupancy only."

According to information from unofficial sources, the continuance of the Annex was decided to prevent the possibility of having three or four men in a room next year. Although a drop in the number of married veteran students is expected, it is believed that there will still be more single students than can be comfortably accommodated on the main campus, thereby making it necessary to adopt, enrollment of single men might show quite an increase.

At the June 1947 meeting, the board stated:

"The board in considering the anticipated heavy enrollment of students has directed, for the purpose of more effectively systematizing the housing and instruction, that the incoming freshman class shall be assigned to A&M Annex in so far as facilities are adequate, thereby making available the facilities on the main campus for advanced students."

Approximately 1,200 freshmen, including 200 veterans, have been housed, fed and educated at the Annex this year. So far as possible, facilities at the main campus have been duplicated, with snack bar, lounge, movies, and church services there. A "Little Batt" has been published in mimeograph form on the Annex campus. A full fledged ROTC elementary program has been carried out, the results of which were shown by a drill team on Sports Day here last week. The Annex even has its own large band.

The name, "Little Aggieland," was chosen by vote among the students there.

Bryan Army Air Field, built during the war as an instrument training center, was deactivated in 1946.

Decision to open an annex there was made when the school found it would need extra quarters unless many high school students were to be refused entrance.

The college annex was opened at the air field in September, 1946, when 600 "overflow" freshmen were housed there, together with a number of upperclassmen who slept in barracks at the annex but continued to attend classes on the main campus. About 1,000 students in all were at the Annex that year. Only freshmen classes were conducted there.

Even before the Annex was opened, many veteran students were living in the Air Field Village, built outside the main enclosure, originally to house air field workers.

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The September examinations include tests of the applicant's comprehension and use of English, ability to interpret mathematical relations, graphs and tables, breadth of factual knowledge, knowledge of history and government, economics and knowledge of a modern language.

If the written examination is passed, the applicant will go to Washington for an oral examination.

Qualifications for the positions are: citizenship in the United States for at least ten years; twenty-one years of age as of July 1, 1948 and under thirty-one; if married, it must be to an American citizen.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service, Department of State, Washington 25, D. C.

The Veterans Administration pointed out that a veteran making his insurance payments in cash through ordinary mail has no way to prove he made the payment in the event it fails to reach VA. Failure to receive the money leaves VA no choice but to lapse the policy.

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Vets Warned Not To Send Insurance Premiums in Cash

Many NSLI policyholders continue to send cash to the VA branch office at 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, for premium payments, officials said. Early this month, an eastern VA Branch Office received an envelope with \$1,700 in \$100-bills to be applied to the veterans insurance account.

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Candidates Named In Local Running

Candidates for offices in the April 6 city election were announced today by N. M. McGinnis, College Station city secretary.

In the mayorality race Ernest Langford, head of the college architecture department, is unopposed. This is Langford's fourth time as candidate for mayor, having served three terms already.

N. M. McGinnis of the landscape art department is unopposed for re-election as city secretary.

Candidates for councilman from Ward 1 are J. A. Orr of the city engineering department and Tim G. Faulkenberry.

In the Ward 2 race Robert E. Halpin of the ag-eco department is unopposed.

For the Ward 3 job E. E. Ames, incumbent councilman, is running against A. P. Boyett.

Infantry Ball Set For April 2

The Infantry Ball will be held in Shiba Hall Friday, April 2, at 9 p. m., according to Grady Elms, assistant-director of student activities. The Aggieland Orchestra will play for the dance.

Gloria Ann Wilson Is VFW Duchess

Miss Gloria Ann Wilson, 17, of Bryan, has been elected duchess for the Cotton Ball and Pageant representing the Brazos County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4692.