

**WAINWRIGHT ABSOLVES TOJO FOR HIS TREATMENT**  
TOKYO, Aug. 6 (AP)—Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, retired hero of Bataan, has sent a message to wartime Premier Hideki Tojo absolving him of personal responsibility for mistreatment Wainwright received while a prisoner, Tojo's attorney said today.

"General Wainwright asked me to deliver this message to Tojo," said George Francis Blewett, Philadelphia attorney who is serving as American counsel for Tojo—now awaiting judgement of the international war crimes court.

"Wainwright said: 'Tell Tojo that as one general to another, I want him to know that I do not hold him personally responsible for treatment I received while a prisoner of war. I know that as premier and war minister he could not be expected to know about such details.'"

**CANADIANS TO SELECT NEW PRIME MINISTER**  
OTTAWA, Aug. 6 (AP)—Louis Stephen St. Laurent, Canadian Minister for External Affairs, emerged as heavy favorite yesterday to become Canada's next Prime Minister, but the race is still wide open.

Most of the delegates to the National Liberal Party convention which opened yesterday are uncommitted. The convention was called to name a successor to Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

James Garfield Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, is the second leading contender.

**MANY STATES FACE NEW POLIO EPIDEMICS**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Infantile paralysis is spreading in more than half the states of the nation, with North Carolina, Texas and California suffering epidemics.

The Public Health Service issued a report yesterday which showed that figures for the week ending July 31, for the month of July and for the year up to the end of last month all topped the scores for 1946—second worst polio year in history.

**YOUNGSTERS GIVE RADIOS TO CRIPPLED CHILDREN**  
DALLAS, Aug. 6 (AP)—A group of Dallas youngsters climbed the steps to Scottish Rite hospital for crippled children yesterday clutching three table radios which were their gift to the small patients.

The children raised \$45 for the gifts at a backyard carnival which they planned and conducted themselves last week. Their ages range from 9 to 14.

**KAISER-FRAZER FACES STOCKHOLDER'S SUIT**  
NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—A federal judge has denied a motion for dismissal of a stockholder's suit against the Kaiser-Frazer Corp.

The corporation had contended the court lacked jurisdiction, but was overruled Wednesday by Judge Vincent L. Leibel.

The suit was filed by Michael Stella, who charges the company and its officers violated the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 by buying 180,000 shares of its own stock last Feb. 3 in advance of a proposed new stock issue.

**TEXAS CO. TO CLOSE DOWN HOUSTON REFINERY**  
HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 6 (AP)—The Texas Company Thursday announced plans to close down its small refinery at Galena Park on the Houston ship channel.

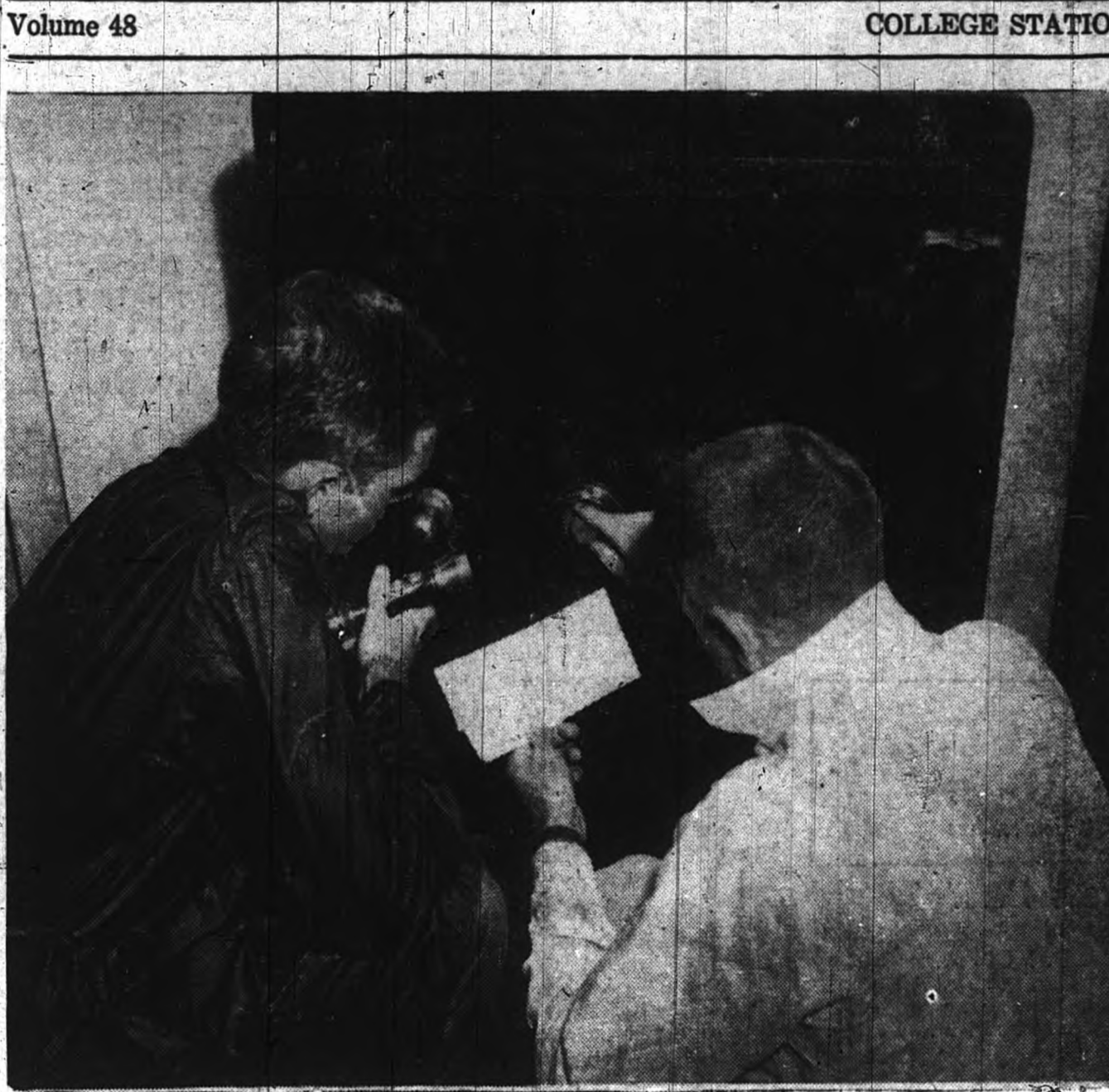
Although the company did not comment on the reason for the shutdown, it was reported Texaco is preparing to pipe all its available crude oil to larger refineries such as at Port Arthur.

**GLOBE CIRCLING B29s COMPLETE JOURNEY**  
TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 6 (AP)—Two globe-circling B29s—the first to fly around the world—landed at their home base, Davis-Monthan Field, at 4:31 a. m. today.

They made the trip in 15 days, in 10 hops. But en route, a third superfort went down in a crash near Aden, Southern Arabia, in which 17 of the 18 men aboard were killed.

Each plane came in with 17 men aboard today. One officer had been left behind at Aden to clear up matters pertaining to the crash of the third craft.

Plotting the big bombers in from Anchorage, Alaska, on the final leg of the journey were Lt. Col. Richard W. Kline of Haskell, Tex., commanding officer of the 64th Squadron, and First Lt. A. M. Neal, Visalia, Calif., of the 64th Squadron.



**TWO STUDENTS** attempting to crack a safe and obtain final examinations are apprehended by the camera of The Battalion reporter who lurks in the shadows. This reporter has spent months studying the cheating problem. His study has been objective as he has tried to discover WHY STUDENTS CHEAT. His complete unexpurgated study will begin in The Battalion soon.

## Inquisitive Reporter Discovers Students Favor 'Degree Plan'

By ROLLY C. KOLBYE

Since a "Degree Plan," which has been advanced by the School of Agriculture, will affect the student, a poll was made in order to record student reactions. An effort was made to get opinions of students of schools other than Agriculture, as well as those majoring in Agriculture.

Those interviewed were asked three questions: Do you think that the new 'Degree Plan' will be an aid to the student in arranging his schedules? Do you believe that planned conferences will bring about a better relationship between students and administrative heads? Do you think this plan should be a general policy for the other schools of this college?

Of the students interviewed 85% thought that the plan would aid in the arrangement of schedules, and 81% thought that the conferences between department heads and students would lead to a better relationship. As for using the system in the other schools, 63% answered yes, 6% said no, and 31% were reluctant to answer.

A number of ideas were advanced in regard to the new system. H. E. Phillips believed that the counseling received by the student would help, but not if the student had to relinquish his right to choose electives.

F. M. Stockton thought that the plan would straighten the student out on the courses that he needed to take in relation to his major. Stockton was of the opinion that it would be harder to establish a closer relationship in the larger departments than in the smaller ones.

## A&M System Budget Increase For '49 - 51 Asked by Gilchrist

Chancellor-elect Gibb Gilchrist and Acting Extension Director J. D. Prewitt appeared before the state Board of Control Wednesday and requested an A&M System budget appropriation of \$22,988,000 for the two years beginning September 1, 1949.

The proposed budget for the main branch for 1949-51 is \$7,046,000; the 1947-49 budget for the college was \$4,980,000.

Gilchrist and Prewitt emphasized that state control of the extension services is being compromised by increased federal support of the services.

"We're practically federally dominated now," Prewitt said. "They restrict our use of money. They hire our best people away."

"Should not the state provide a larger share of extension funds as part of its properly claimed states' rights?" Gilchrist asked the Board.

The largest budget increases were asked for experiment and substations, \$4,375,000 as compared to \$1,833,000 for the previous two-year period, and the extension services, which requested \$2,815,000 as compared to \$936,000 for the previous period.

The proposed budget includes fire control supervision for 28 new counties, and the purchase of new fire fighting equipment and three airplanes for fire patrol.

Agricultural research will be expanded under the new budget, including wide scale use of the Bluebonnet Farm at McGregor which was acquired by the college last January.

Tarleton, North Texas, and Prairie View will receive increased appropriations under the new budget. The total appropriation requested for the 1949-51 period is \$22,988,000; the appropriation for the 1947-49 period was \$12,272,000.

## Primary Run-off Absentee Voting To Begin Monday

Absentee voting for Brazos County citizens will begin Monday and continue through August 24, according to County Clerk A. B. Syptak.

Applications for absentee ballots for those out of the county now may be made through the mail without any prescribed form. Precinct numbers must be given, however.

Citizens of Brazos County who will not be in town August 28 for the run-off may register their votes at the county clerk's office before they leave, Syptak stated.

He added that ballots will be taken to the homes of those physically unable to go to the polls, provided they can present a doctor's certificate of disability.

Syptak predicted that the vote by absentee ballot will be nowhere near the record-breaking level of the July primary.

## Joseph Cotton And Dane Clark Star at Grove

The movies to be shown at the Grove next week include "Shadow of a Doubt" starring Joseph Cotton, which is scheduled for Monday, and "That Way With Women" with Dane Clark and Martha Vickers, which is scheduled for Thursday.

These movies are scheduled to start at 8 p. m. No admission will be charged, but students will be required to show their yellow fee slips for entrance.

# Dancing, Skating, and Symphony Entertainment This Weekend

## 4 People Give Their Opinions In Batt Forum

Four people, two students and two instructors, have contributed to the BATTALION FORUM which begins in today's Battalion.

The forum is open to all readers of the Battalion—students, faculty, and others. The writer may take either side of the matter to be discussed and give his arguments.

Dr. Al E. Nelson and Dr. J. H. Bass, and Buddy Luce and William Henderson are the first contributors.

Dr. Nelson and Henderson believe the Dixiecrats should bolt the Democratic Party. (See Battalion Forum on editorial page.) Dr. Bass and Luce feel that the wayward people should remain in the fold.

The aim of this new column is to give readers an opportunity to express an opinion in other than the Letters to the Editor Column. As long as no personal criticism of the other contributors or obscene language is used, the editors will run the stories as submitted.

The editors ask that people writing in limit their discussion to two pages so the entire discussion may be carried in one issue.

## Intramural Softball on Lighted Diamond And Free Swimming Round Out Program

Softball, skating, swimming, dancing, and Symphony on Wax head the list of events planned for this weekend.

Friday night the sports enthusiasts can watch Dorm 14 and Bizzell play softball on the lighted diamond. This is one of the intramural series games, and will start at 8 p. m.

However, if one is more inclined to participate in some exercise, there will be free skating at The Grove. Admission will be free to both of these events.

Saturday afternoon, P. L. Downs Natatorium will be open from 3 until 5:30. No charge is made to students for swimming, provided the student presents his yellow fee slip.

Saturday evening the greatly enlarged Modern Downbeats will play for the regular Saturday night dance at The Grove. The dance is free and is scheduled to begin at 8 p. m.

Now that the Downbeats number ten musicians, they are fast leaving the practically unorganized combo stage they were once and are becoming a fine dance band.

Sunday evening the music lovers will be entertained by Tchaikovsky's Symphony Number 5 in E Minor, which will be presented by the Symphony on Wax. The symphony is scheduled to begin at 6 p. m. on the lawn north of the Assembly Hall.

In the spring of 1888 Peter Tchaikovsky, probably the greatest of the Russian Romanticists, began his Fifth Symphony. The work was done at a beautiful country place on the road from Klin to Moscow, where Tchaikovsky found the seclusion that enabled him to compose some of his best works. It would seem that his sensitive nature was best able to express itself in his music when he was surrounded by Nature.

According to most music lovers, this Fifth Symphony is the most satisfying of Tchaikovsky's work, even better than his great Fourth Symphony.

Symphony on Wax is a regular presentation of Student Activities. Marvin Rice is the commentator on the all-record program, which can be heard each Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday evening.



MARVIN RICE makes with the words between selections on the SYMPHONY ON WAX. Rice presents his program every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday at 6 p. m. on the lawn north of the ASSEMBLY HALL.

## Improvements On Easterwood Begin Early Next Week

Improvements on Easterwood Airport will be started the first of next week, C. K. Leighton, A&M construction engineer, stated Wednesday.

He said the grading for pavement of aprons at each end of the new hanger would start next week. At the same time, grading for taxi strips from the hanger to the present runways will be started.

All three runways will be lighted as soon as materials can be delivered, Leighton said. Work on this project will probably begin about the first of September, he added.

T. R. Spence, manager of college construction, reported that the lighting contract had been let to Rogers Electric Company of Henderson, on a bid of \$25,455. Besides the complete runway-marker lighting system, the contract covers the necessary power and control equipment and installation of a rotating beacon.

F. W. Parker Jr., of Houston was awarded a contract for the paving on a bid of \$13,674. The Civil Aeronautics Authority will furnish the \$39,129 called for in the contracts. The college will assume all remaining cost of the work.

## Aviatix Rumors Persist ...

## Eleven Years Later - Earhart Disappearance Still Mystery

By PHIL KOONCE

"281 NORTH HOWLAND ... CALL KHAQQ ... BEYOND NORTH ... DON'T HOLD WITH US MUCH LONGER ... ABOVE WATER ... SHUT OFF ..."

Reception of this message launched one of the largest air-sea searches in history—a covered 250,000 square miles, and failed to reveal any trace of Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, who disappeared July 2, 1937, somewhere near tiny Howland Island in mid-Pacific.

Miss Earhart, the first woman to fly the Atlantic and part of the Pacific, was flying the most dangerous leg of her "just for fun" round-the-world trip, the 2,500 mile stretch over water from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland Island, when her gas evidently gave out.

Eighteen months later a California court declared Amelia Earhart legally dead.

But, is she dead? Although all evidence points toward this fact, there are those that believe she isn't. And it is seldom that such mass resistance to the finality of facts is evidenced.

Rumors have produced more Earhart. It is believed that Miss Earhart, intentionally or accidentally, saw too much of Japanese fortifications and was taken prisoner; or that she and Noonan somehow made their way to an uncharted island.

Three years after she vanished, a woman in Georgia dreamed that the two were still alive. The dream was specific: The fliers, said the woman, were on a thickly-wooded, tiny island; Amelia's hair had grown long and waved in the breeze; she cooked over a clay pot supported by part of her plane's framework.

In March 1944, much prominence was given to the story of a Jap trader in the Marshall Islands who

old a mission-trained national who told a United States Army lieutenant who told correspondent that an American woman pilot had come down between Ajima and Alligialapal Atolls and was picked up by a Japanese fishing boat and taken to Japan.

At the end of the war, correspondents in Tokyo approached Japanese officials with this story. In September 1945, the secretary of the Japanese naval adjutant said that there was no basis for this story.

Earlier in 1945, Captain Irving Johnson, who sailed thousands of miles seeking Miss Earhart, said "There isn't any place, not even a pebble or a mythical island, that hasn't been checked." Captain Johnson in 1940 hunted the flier through the Ellis and Gilbert Islands in a search financed by a group of Miss Earhart's friends.

As recently as last year, United States officials in Tokyo found it necessary to again deny the rumor that the aviatix was on a secret mission and the Japanese took her prisoner.

But the rumors and hopes that Amelia Earhart is alive will still persist.

**PACKARD MOTORS FACES ONE WEEK SHUTDOWN**  
DETROIT, Aug. 6 (AP)—Packard Motor Car Co. announced Thursday materials shortages will force a one week shutdown of its assembly operations commencing tonight.

**Question OF THE Week**  
BY MARAK

WHY NOT ENLIST IN THE ARMY?  
IT CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH.....

... A NEW VOCABULARY, DESCRIPTIVE ADJECTIVES AND SLANG TAUGHT BY SEASONED LINGUISTS WHO HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SOUND OFF FOR DAYS WITHOUT ONCE REPEATING THEMSELVES.

... GOOD WHOLESOME EXERCISE. MUSCLES GUARANTEED!

... A BACHELORS' PARADISE-- NO WOMEN ALLOWED WITHIN TWENTY MILES.

YOU WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO VISIT OUR SPOTLESS KITCHEN-- (AND HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY!)