

**RURR WORKERS STRIKE;
SUSPECT RED PLAN**

BERLIN, Jan. 16 (AP)—Some 75,000 German workers were idle today in four Ruhr valley cities in strikes protesting food shortages. Authorities feared the strike movement would spread swiftly in Germany's industrial heart, where hunger grips 4,000,000 workers. Many of them are living on starvation diets.

German newspapers in the western occupation zones linked the labor crisis with what they call a Communist master scheme, "Protocol M," to wreck the Marshall Plan.

**STUDENTS WILL RATE
PROFS AT RICE**

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 16 (AP)—The students are going to grade the faculty at Rice Institute but not until mid-term examinations are over.

The students will check on such items as enthusiasm toward teaching, knowledge of the courses, ability to get a point across, delivery, apparent preparation of lectures, and judgment as to the proper length of assignments and quizzes.

Reports will be handed directly to the teachers. But they will not be signed.

**DALLAS ZIONISTS ASK
NEW BRITISH TACTICS**

DALLAS, Jan. 16 (AP)—Five Dallas Zionist groups today had called upon President Truman to ask the British government "to change its tactics in handling the present political situation in Palestine."

The organizations urged the action in a telegram.

The message asserted the British are not abiding by the United Nations decision to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states and is favoring "Arab hoodlums" in disturbances.

**GANDHI STILL FASTING
FOR COMMUNAL PEACE**

NEW DELHI, Jan. 16 (AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi, in the third day of his fast for communal peace in India, was too weak to attend his usual prayer meeting, and his doctors expressed concern over his loss of weight.

**REPEAL MARGARINE
LAW SAYS POAGE**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Legislation for the repeal of federal anti-margarine laws had been introduced by Rep. Poage (D-Tex.) on the grounds they are "restrictive" and "most unsavory in character."

Poage said yesterday the margarine issue is not an attack upon the dairy industry "for even in the butter industry."

"The issue now is will we let our citizens a wholesome food spread which the dairy industry cannot supply."

**JUSTICES DISQUALIFY
ON RACIAL ISSUE**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Three Supreme Court Justices today disqualified themselves from taking part in the court's consideration of challenges of property agreements which bar colored people from living in white neighborhoods.

Justices Rutledge, Reed, and Jackson left their places on the bench when cases involving the issue were called for argument.

**WU'S SALARY \$1 MILLION
OR 50 DOLLARS U. S.**

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (AP)—Mayor K. C. Wu's salary will be raised this month to \$9,055,000 a month.

At the current black market rates, that's a little over \$50 U. S.

**JOSEPHUS DANIELS DIES
AFTER LONG ILLNESS**

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 16 (AP)—Josephus Daniels, veteran diplomat, and a former cabinet member and diplomat, died here yesterday at 1:20 p. m. He was 85 years old.

As secretary of the navy, Daniels was remembered by many navy officers for his order banning the serving of alcoholic beverages aboard navy vessels. The order remained on the books until late in World War II.

Daniels was proudest of the navy's record of conveying 2,000,000 doughboys to Europe through submarine-infested waters without the loss of a single life through enemy action. He instituted an educational program for enlisted men and insisted that enlisted personnel be permitted to go to the Navy Academy at Annapolis.

**WORKERS ASK FOR
CLOSED SHOPS**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The national labor relations board yesterday said that workers in the nine recent elections held under the Taft-Hartley Act have voted for a union shop in an average margin of better than nine to one.

The Taft-Hartley law bars the closed shop, but permits the union shop if workers vote for its adoption and the employer agrees.

Under a closed shop an employer is required to hire union members only. Under a union shop, he may hire non-union men but they must join the union within a specified time.

**TRUMAN ASKED TO SUPPORT
TIDAL LAND OWNERSHIP**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—President Truman was asked yesterday by a Texas delegation to support legislation recognizing state ownership of submerged or tidal lands within their boundaries.

Senator Tim Connally (D-Tex.) and Texas Attorney General Price Daniel renewed the controversy over the tidewater lands at a white house conference.

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First Unit of Student Center Will Be Started This Summer

Provision Made for Craft Shops, Swimming Pool in Later Addition

Work on Unit I of the proposed Student Memorial Center will probably get underway "this coming summer", Carleton W. Adams, college architect, announced Thursday. The Unit constitutes the central part of the building and includes the lounges, ball room, dining room, Aggie bar, coffee shop, kitchen, sales space, post office, meeting rooms, and an outdoor roof terrace for dancing.

Immediate construction was made possible by the action of the A&M Board of Directors in tentatively earmarking \$450,000 out of unappropriated income for the construction of the first unit of the building.

At the time of the meeting, Adams was instructed to proceed with the plans on a unit basis so that one or more units may be contracted for without delay.

Cost of the first unit to be constructed will depend upon building conditions at the time bids are asked for the units, Adams said yesterday. He added that at the present time the estimated cost of the first unit is \$730,000.

Unit II of the Memorial Center will consist of a number of student activity rooms on the ground floor, and 68 guest rooms on the two floors above. It will cost approximately \$560,000.

Another portion of the building scheduled for early construction is Unit III, consisting of a one-story structure for bowling and billiards. The basic plan shows space for eight bowling alleys and twelve pool tables, with provisions for enlarging each section as is necessary. It is expected that this unit will cost approximately \$150,000.

The two remaining units, IV and V, are to receive consideration as soon as building conditions and financing warrant.

Unit IV consists of a wing which will enlarge the student activity rooms and will increase the number of guest rooms. The length of this wing may vary, depending on future conditions.

Unit V is a motion picture theater seating approximately 750 persons.

Other provisions have been made for additions as are required, including craft shops and an outdoor swimming pool.

Adams added that all units will be constructed with ducts and space allowed for air conditioning; however, the amount of air conditioning to be in the original construction will depend on the bids received.

Additions To List of Graduates

The number of degrees to be conferred by the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Civil Engineering was inadvertently omitted from Tuesday's Battalion.

Graduates with the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering number 84, and those to receive their degrees in Civil Engineering number 62. The two groups rank first and second, respectively, in the number of degrees which will be awarded by the College to January graduates.

GOVERNOR JESTER SETS YOUTH WEEK JAN. 25-31

AUSTIN, Jan. 16 (AP)—Governor Beauford H. Jester yesterday proclaimed the week January 25-31 as Youth Week in Texas.

The week marks the 77th anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor Movement.

Judging Team To Leave Saturday

Nine members of the Aggie Meat Judging Team will leave Saturday morning for Fort Worth, where they will practice judging at the Swift & Company packing plant.

Those team members making the trip include J. D. Allen, M. H. Kethley, J. T. Keane, R. M. Kenney, A. H. Miller, H. Reyes, Bob Rosenthal, W. Stephens, and D. G. Wintry.

They will judge beef, swine, and sheep carcasses, as well as wholesale cuts of meat in preparation for the contests at the Fort Worth Livestock Exposition, to be held February 3.

The team will be accompanied by its coach, O. D. Butler, and Dr. J. C. Miller, head of the animal husbandry department.

overshadowed but not outdone . . .

Consolidated Is Long Way From Days in Pfeuffer Hall

By JAMES A. HEATH

"In the shadow of such a large educational institution as A & M our little high school here has been faded into the background," states A. M. Whittis, superintendent of the Consolidated school system.

Whittis, a graduate of North Texas State Teachers College and Texas Tech, came to Consolidated in 1946 after serving four years as a civilian employee of the Air Force training schools. Previous to this time he was superintendent of schools at Knox City, Texas.

The present Consolidated System began humbly in 1920, says G. B. Wilcox, first principal of the school and now head of the Education and Psychology department. Until that time there had been merely a grade school with the A&M campus as boundaries of its district.

In 1920 the rural districts of Wellborn, Union Hill, Shirock, and Providence agreed to combine schools and funds and set up a better school here on the campus. The college lent the Music Hall to be used as the school building.

The first few sessions of the

school in 1920 were held in Guion hall. As soon as the other building was re-done the school moved in and with a few exceptions when an

overcrowded condition arose was housed in it until 1940 when it moved off the campus to the location it now occupies. Pfeuffer Hall was the high school building at that time.

The high school is now located under the shade of huge oak trees on a 14 acre campus just south of the A & M Campus.

Seven buildings and a football stadium are located on the campus. Four of the buildings are used by the grammar school and two house the high school. The other building is a large combination auditorium-gymnasium which houses the school cafeteria and store.

Each student in the school has access to reference libraries, technical facilities, and laboratories.

At the present over thirty credits are offered by the high school, eighteen of which are required for graduation, Whittis says. Of the eighteen courses required for graduation, eleven must meet college entrance requirements, five may be selected by the student, and two must be made up by participation in one of the many school activities each year in high school.

Duranty-Knickerbocker Debate Slated For 'Great Issues' Course

Administration 405, Requiring Senior Classification, Carries 2 Credit Hours

By FARRIS BLOCK

"Can Russia Be a Part of One World?" will be debated as part of the "Great Issues" course by Walter Duranty and H. R. Knickerbocker March 8, according to Dr. S. R. Gammon, head of the history department.

Both Duranty, author of many books on Russia, and Knickerbocker, newspaper correspondent, have traveled extensively throughout Europe and Russia, and are well informed on the question, Dr. Gammon stated. The debate will probably be held in Guion Hall and will be open to the public.

Limited to seniors, the class (Administration 405), good for 2 credit hours, will consist of two one-hour sessions on Tuesday and Thursdays at 11 a. m. However, students who plan to take the course are asked to keep Monday and Wednesday evenings open for special speakers. Evening sessions will cancel the class scheduled for the following day.

Other subjects representative of those slated for discussion during the spring semester are: US Foreign Policy, The Partition of Palestine, The UN and the Veto, and The Disintegration of the American Family.

Dr. Ross E. Moore, member of the Department of Agriculture's Foreign Relations office, and A. E. Gibson, president of Wellman Engineering Company of Cleveland, Ohio, are also booked for speaking engagements. Dr. Moore will speak on "World Conditions and Food Supply" February 14; Gibson will speak on "Can England and France Recover Their Positions as World Powers?" March 3. Gibson recently returned from Europe where he made a study of conditions there.

No textbooks have been selected for the course, but Dr. Gammon said that subscriptions to the Sunday edition of the New York Times would be required. Also a section of the library will be set aside for books on foreign policy and international affairs.

Dr. Gammon stated that if the course proved successful this spring it could be offered again next spring. He added that the objective of this study was to create in the student an awareness of his present and primary duty as an educated man to help his world survive. Consequently a list of current issues, vital to world stability and order, have been selected for study.

Attention in Class Not Necessary, Lectures Recorded

By HAROLD ROBERSON

With the new look, comes another new thing—a sort of oral notebook. An ingenious idea of recording a lecture occurred to Pre-Vet student M. L. Jackson. Needing review on his Chemistry 101, Jackson decided to act on the idea. Accordingly, he secured the cooperation of his chemistry professor John Cummings and made a recording of the review lecture.

Besides being more convenient than notebook, the recording proved advantageous in that the record could be stopped and replayed to clarify any obscure point. The record also eliminated any chances of an error in notes since the exact words of the professor could be had by pushing a button.

The idea is used by a student in the modern language department too. Since he could not properly pronounce his French, Lucian A. Pinkston of Corsicana recorded some French by professor Truett Book. Now he can check up on that "eu" sound whenever he feels like it.

This new twist to the art of studying, so long overlooked by less enterprising and less interested students, should prove a boon to the nocturnal student by alleviating the necessity of staying awake during class.

Whether the new innovation will be workable as a wholesale study device or not remains to be seen, but the two students who have used the records are favorably impressed.

Guernsey Breeders To Meet Jan. 20

The Texas Guernsey Breeders Association will meet on the campus January 20, A. L. Darnell, general chairman of the annual meeting, announced today.

The association, which will hold its sessions in the YMCA lounges, will hear talks by dairy husbandry men on breeding and dairy herd management, feeds and feeding, dairy cattle diseases and sanitation, crops and pastures, farm machinery, and a Guernsey breeding program, Darnell revealed.

Dan Danvers of San Antonio will preside at the meeting.

Virgil's Aide



Julie, The Sweetheart of Magic, will be leading lady for The Great Virgil when he appears at Guion Hall February 3.

She is featured in many of the illusions—sawed in half, dissolved, vanished, and produced—wearing elaborate robes especially created for her by leading designers in Hollywood and New York.

Admission to this mammoth mystery show will be 60c for students and \$1.20 for adults. There will be no reserved seats.

Tim to Serve On National Council For Agriculture

Tyrus R. Timm, administrative assistant and economist for the A&M Extension Service, will participate in the meeting of the national agriculture committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, which convenes in Washington, D. C., January 21-22, it was announced today.

Domestic agricultural production, support prices, relations between farmers and businessmen and general economic affairs related to agriculture will be considered.

Membership of this committee is composed of businessmen, farmers, leaders in farm organizations, and representatives of land grant colleges.

Timm and Dr. Asher Hobson, head of the department of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin, were elected early in 1947 to the committee and to serve as technical consultants to the committee.

According to Dr. Ide P. Trotter, Extension Service director, this is in keeping with the policy of inviting two members from land grant colleges to serve each year on the committee. Committee members from Texas are John D. Rogers of Navasota and Clyde Tomlinson of Hillsboro.

Trouble Develops In X-ray Machine

The Tuberculosis Survey Unit at the Annex was not operating Thursday morning due to mechanical difficulties, L. R. Bolotte, operator, announced yesterday. The unit was put in operation by noon, however, and 25 X-rays were made in the afternoon.

Yantis Looks For His Mummy in Old Egypt

By IVAN YANTIS
Battalion Roving Correspondent

A quick trip through Egypt will prove to even the most obstinate modernist that not everything is new. Take the WPA for instance. Many people think FDR thought up the plan and it was original with him. But the pharaohs obviously had access to WPA funds or they could never have slung together the pyramids.

The pyramids are great masses of stone piled up in the shape of a pyramid, and every one knows what shape that is from having seen pictures in books.

Before anyone tries to climb a pyramid, he should first have a crack at mountain climbing. The Alps, Himalayas, or Davis Mountains will suffice to give instruction in the use of the alpenstock, without which pyramids cannot be scaled.

One reason most of the world's population absolutely refuses to have a try at the pyramids is because of all the excess baggage one must lug along if he is to be comfortable. This baggage includes: oxygen tank and mask for the higher reaches where the air is thinner; breakfast, lunch, and dinner for no one who is properly outfitted in the traumas of going to climb up and back between meals; and flowing robes of the kind Egyptians wear at all times. These burlap kimonos add nothing whatsoever to human efficiency, but if you do as the Romans do in Rome, then logically you must do as the Egyptians do in Egypt, with certain reservations and exceptions.

Everytime I enter a room, I invariably look to see if there are any tables. If there are, I move them out from the wall and give them a 180-degree twist to the right. That is because I like to turn tables better than anything else. And here in Egypt I have been privileged to turn on of the greatest tables of all times.

I went to see the Sphinx the other day. On the previous evening a sand dune had drifted up nearby, the top of which was higher than the Sphinx. Napoleon once told his soldiers that forty centuries were looking down on them, because the sphinx gazed heavily at them from greater elevation. I looked down on forty centuries!

From the top of my sand dune. Does somebody want to touch me?

'Hedda Gabler' Cast Studies Emotions, Customs of Period

By JAMES NELSON

Tentative cast members for the play "Hedda Gabler" are studying the emotions as related to social customs in the 19th century. John W. Laufenberg, publicity director for the Aggie Players announced yesterday.

This study will be carried on for approximately one week under the supervision of Geo. J. Dillavou, director for the group. At the end of this period the final cast will be announced and the group will start to work on production of the play. Present plans call for the play to be presented sometime in March.

Laufenberg further stated that Dr. S. S. Morgan of the English department, who is an authority on Ibsen's works, would lecture to the Players on the romanticism to be found in Ibsen.

Dillavou reports that he has never seen such enthusiasm and interest in any play given by the Players since he took over the task of directing in early 1946. He has had many offers of help from Aggie, faculty, and College Station, and Bryan townspeople. Laufenberg added, "The interest shown by so many is an inspiration to members of the Players and to those connected with them, Laufenberg concluded."

IE Club Elects Stayton President

Pat Stayton, senior from Bay City, was elected president of the Industrial Education Club at a recent meeting of the club, it has been announced.

Other officers elected included: J. C. Redman, College Station, vice president; E. J. Lanik, Danbury, secretary; Pete Allen, College Station, treasurer; Tom Holland, Bryan, social secretary; and A. V. Harbin, Donna, reporter.

The club's Longhorn picture will be taken Monday night at 8 in the Assembly Hall, Harbin announced today.

Cotton Specialist At National Meet

F. E. Lichte, cotton gin specialist for the A&M Extension Service, is attending the National Cotton Ginners' Association meeting January 14-24, in Atlanta, Ga., the Extension Service announced today.

This meeting is being held in cooperation with the Extension Service, ginners' association, and the National Cotton Council.

IRC to Discuss US Aid to China

"Should the US Continue Its Aid to China?" will be discussed by the International Relations Club Monday at 7:30 p. m., according to Farris Block, chairman of the club.

This will be the last meeting of this semester for the group and a chairman for the Spring semester will be elected at the Monday night meeting.

140,000 CHILDREN WERE IN ACCIDENTS 1946-47

AUSTIN, TEX., Jan. 16 (AP)—Approximately 140,000 Texas school children were involved in accidents during the 1946-47 school year, director C. E. Sanderson of the Safety Division of the State Department of Education reported yesterday.