

# Col. Andy Resigns As Track Coach, Pinky Downs Jr. Takes Over

## Olympics Called Off Because Of Tense International Relations

BERN, Switzerland, March 31.—(WU)—There will be no further Olympic contests this year due to the tense international situation, it was announced officially today by the Olympic Committee in Bern.

The reason given for such a move was that it was feared that overpublicized rivalry between certain Eastern and Western nations further international discord and ill-feeling.

A similar condition arose last year when the Russian Soccer team played several matches in England. After much haggling and hard words, the visiting team returned home suddenly. Ever since then, Russian and English relations have deteriorated.

Much of the blame was placed on the United States by local Swiss observers. The populace had the feeling that this country was trying to win the Olympics solely for the sheer publicity and prestige value.

Although Russia did not enter the Winter phase of the Olympics, it was known that a large U.S.S.R. team planned to enter the track and field events this summer in Bern.

All Olympic trial meets in the United States have been called off.

One of the first official protests came from King Gustav of Sweden. The monarch termed the Committee's action as "cowardly and ill-founded."

Sweden took first place in the winter contests, and was rated as a possible winner of this summer's session.

However, this Committee will probably come under the most severe verbal blastings from the Swiss themselves.

The hundreds of hotel and innkeepers who had expected to reap a handsome profit from the flush Olympic visitors have already demonstrated in front of the organization's headquarters.

Public opinion may force the Olympic Committee to leave the country.

## A&M Beats Texas In Dual Meet At Memorial Stadium

AUSTIN, Texas, (Spl)—Texas A&M's mighty players stormed through Memorial Stadium last night to beat the University of Texas 42-27 and win the Southwest Conference Championship.

Francis Hall was the outstanding player for the Aggie team, and received much assistance from Ross Sullivan.

The game got underway at 2:30 p. m. with a crowd of 20,000 watching the play. A&M drew ahead on the first few minutes and was never threatened from then on. The Texans hit the pay slot late in the first half for their initial score.

Jim Gregory, outstanding TU player, was out with a broken thumb.

The last Aggie tally was made on a perfect toss by Sullivan which insured the win. The meet ended with Texas trying desperately to close the margin.

A & M will play an exhibition match with the Dallas Athletic Club this afternoon on Kyle Field. All spectators interested in watching this championship Tidley-Wink team in action are urged to come.

## Players Veulent Des Acteurs

LE CHOIX DES ACTEURS pour "Notre Ville" de Thornton Wilder aura lieu le 1er et le 2e d'avril.

George Dillavou, directeur des "Aggie Players" sera a la salle d'assemblee entre les heures de 4 et 6 p.m. et 7 et 8 p.m. tous les deux jours pour contacter les etudiants, leurs femmes et les citoyens qui s'interessent a la representation qui aura lieu bientot.

On a besoin d'au moins 27 acteurs et actrices, dit M. Dillavou. Ce nombre est plus grand que celui de la representation recente.

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## Kalif, Vezier Verwandelten Into Storks!

Von WILLY LAUBE

"Wachmend der Kalif so sprach, sah er den anderen Storch ueber ihrem Haupte fliegen und sich langsam zur Erde lassen." J. J. Woolket, head of the modern language department, announced today. Schell zog der Kalif die Dose aus der Tasche, nahm ein Zauberpulver und reichte es dem Grossvezier. Dieser schnappte ebenfalls, und beide riefen: Mutabor!

"Da wurden ihre beide duenn und rot," Senor Woolket said. Die schoenen Schuhe des Kalifen und des Grossveziers verwandelten sich in haessliche Storchfuesse, die Arme wurden zu Flaegeln, die Haelse kamen aus den Schultern und wurden einen Meter lang. Die Baerte waren verschwunden und weiche Federn bedeckten die Koerper, Herr Mr. Woolket told Battalion reporters.

"Ich habt einen huebischen Sprachabel, Herr Grossvezier," sprach nach langem Erstaunen der Kalif. "Beim Bart des Propheten, so et was habe ich in meinem Leben nicht gesehen."

"Danke bestens," antwortete der Grossvezier, indem er sich verneigte; "aber wenn ich ist sagen darf, so sind Eure Hoheit als Storch beinahe nicht hueblicher denn als Kalif. Aber kommt, wenn es Euch recht ist, dass wir unsere Freunde dort hoeren und erfahren, ob wir die Sprache der Stoeche wirklich verstehen und sprechen koennen."



**CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R.**—The Brooklyn Dodger's training camp is recuperating after the squad suffered mass injuries in practice yesterday.

Centerfielder Pete Reiser received a broken back in the melee caused when a young female native walked across the field during practice.

**LAKELAND, Fla.**—Johnny Van DeMeer showed a revival of his no-hit pitching form yesterday when he threw 54 pitches without a batter coming close to the ball. Johnny took it in his stride when he said, "And I'll do even better later in the season when they take me out of this bull pen."

**EL CENTRO, Calif.**—A young 18 year old rookie was worried about the possibility of the new draft catching him before he could finish his year with the New York Giants. He asked the Giant mentor, Bill Terry, if he could get a deferment for ball-playing "the same as Bob-bey Layne did."

**STOCKTON, Calif.**—Ewell Blackwell last year's sensational fast-ball pitcher, went the entire ten frames yesterday without a strike to his credit. Manager Lou Bourdeau failed to pull Blackwell out. Later Blackwell threatened to quit the game for good, saying, "And I used to be able to bowl 200."

**Jacksonville, Fla., March 31**—The Pittsburgh Pirates began their training today in sunglasses to accustom the players to their season play in the smoky city.

"You have to be an extra-skilled player to be able to play in Pittsburgh," said manager Billy Meyer today. "There isn't any sunlight, y'know. Why, Ralph Kiner hasn't hit his weight in practice this spring. Too much light!"

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A&M's new track coach is shown receiving congratulations from HARRY STITELER after his emergency appointment yesterday.

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At Last . . .

## Ags Slaughter Sips 40-6 For SWC Title

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 25, 1968—Yes, that long awaited event has finally come about. Tonight for the first time in 28 years the Tower's orange lights here at tealand are dark.

This afternoon Texas A&M's undefeated, untied football team smashed the Memorial Stadium jinx and ended a 28 game losing streak to the Longhorns by rolling over the sippers almost at will. The final score was 40 to 6.

From the moment that the Aggies scored their first touchdown on their second play from scrimmage the game's outcome was never in doubt, and had the Farmers desired to they could have run up a much higher score.

Outstanding star for the Aggies was John Kimbrough Jr. who scored three of the Ags' six touchdowns and intercepted a pass to set up one of the others. Old grads will remember the day (back in '39) when John's dad led the Farmers to the National Championship.

Other outstanding players for A&M were "Britz" Simpson, 115 pound halfback who ran a punt back through the entire Texas team for 85 yards and a TD mid-way of the second half, and 350 pound Tackle "Moose" Jones who spent most of the afternoon in the sipper backfield. A statement by a TU player emphasized this fact. Said Texas Fullback Slinky Rednose "And I thought all time that we were using 12 men against those damned Aggies."

This win leaves the Cadets undefeated for the season and makes them a leading contender for high national honors. In last week's AP poll the Ags were rated third nationally behind Notre Dame and Vassar.

Also of immense interest to all A&M football followers is the selection of the teams to participate in this year's Pickle Bowl at Hollywood, Calif. All Aggies and former students are anxiously waiting to see if A&M will receive a bid to the nation's largest post-season attraction.

Half time activities at the game today featured the Aggie drum and bugle corps composed of 100 girl ROTC students. The corps which several years ago replaced the famed A&M military band is one of the outstanding military drill units in the United States today.

## Two Aggie Players Sign Professional Baseball Contracts

Hopes of a baseball championship for Texas A&M this year suffered a hard jolt today when it was announced that two Aggie regulars, outfielder Stan Hollmig and pitcher Earl Beesley, have signed contracts with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National League. Both players will be farmed out to Rochester, of the International Loop, a Card farm club.

The loss of Beesley further weakened the already shorthanded Aggie mound staff. He was expected to be the mainstay of the Cadet pitching corps this season. The right hander was the top Aggie hurler last year until he hurt his arm. However, Beesley stated that the wing felt much better this year and the Card scouts believe he can hold his own in faster company.

The absence of Hollmig will leave a big hole for Coach Marty Karow to fill in left field. The Hondo suggest led conference hitters in the home run department last season and throws with deadly accuracy. Hollmig can also handle mound duties.

When asked why he was leaving Stan answered, "A&M could not match the St. Louis offer."

Under a new conference ruling, collegiate players must have the approval of their school before the professional teams will hire them. A&M's approval was given yesterday at the meeting of the Athletic Council.

Silver Taps will be observed tonight for Coach Marty Karow.

## Turkish Wrestlers Train for Olympics On Ten-Egg Meals

LONDON, March 31.—(AP)—Turkish wrestlers training for the summer Olympics in London eat ten eggs a day as part of breakfast.

That builds up stamina, they say. The British are lucky to get two eggs a week. But the Turks have written Stanley George Briault, housing and catering chief of the Olympics, asking him to see about those ten eggs per man for the wrestling team.

Briault has a lot of problems like this to solve. His job is to feed and house athletes of 55 nations competing in the forthcoming summer games.

Mexico's team wants to bring in its own brand of cigarettes, duty free. Others want their own wine. The government departments are working on these ticklers.

Most nations are arranging to bring their own food to supplement British rations. The bulk of these food gifts will be allowed without import taxes.

## A&M Golfers Open Play Against SMU

The Texas A&M golf team will launch its season at the Bryan Country Club Thursday against Southern Methodist in a Southwest Conference match.

Travis Bryan Jr. of Bryan will be No. 1, Bart Halton of Bryan No. 2, John Henry of Corsicana No. 3 and Jack Barnett of Cisco No. 4 on the Aggie team.

Bob Henry, Leo Corrigan, Jack Bell and Walter King will make up the Mustang squad. After they play the Aggies, SMU will go to Houston to meet the Rice Owls.

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## Sports Results

DALLAS, April 1 (AP)—Latest results from the Dislocated Press sports wire:

Seagrams	7
Chanel	5
Heinz	57
Parker	51
Raleigh	903
U. S. Royal	916
KORA	1240
WTAW	1150
Downing Street	10
Buick	8
Argus	35
Winchester	22
Highway	75
Phillips	66

## Nuggets Beat Bears 73 to 64 in Tryouts

NEW YORK, April 1 (AP)—Ray Lipscomb scored 29 points to lead the Denver Nuggets to victory over Baylor University, 73 to 64, in the Olympic basketball tryouts consolation game Wednesday night in Madison Square Garden.

A capacity crowd of 18,400 saw the game. Receipts from the tournament will swell the Olympic fund by approximately \$35,000.

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## 'Wants to Leave A&M While Ahead' Reason for Resigning

P. L. "Pinky" Downs, former member of the board of directors, former business manager of athletics, and former press and public relations manager for A&M College, yesterday became head track coach following the resignation of Frank G. Anderson.

Veteran Track Mentor Anderson resigned unexpectedly yesterday at an emergency meeting of the athletic council giving as his reason, "we cannot win the Texas Relays this year and I want to retire with a winning team."

His charges captured the southwest Conference crown by a close margin last year and has gone undefeated in four meets this season. Texas is favored to cop the honors at the Texas Relays to be staged in Austin Saturday because of the large number of track events which will offset A&M's advantage in field events.

Pinky Downs has been chosen to replace Anderson because of his interest in the sport during the long years he has been associated with A&M and because of his experience in coaching from the student. Also he gave advice to the coaches visiting his office.

The only objection to this arrangement was the statement of one member that, "Pinky's extended sermons about the past glories of A&M might keep the team from practicing." But the final vote was unanimous in favor of the new coach.

Col. Andy took over as head track mentor in 1946 after giving up that post in 1936 to become commandant here. He was returned from the army in 1944 and immediately went into the physical education department, soon afterward transferring to the athletic department. Here he served as football B team coach, cross country coach, and track coach.

The veteran mentor first came to A&M in 1920 from Mississippi State College and held football and track coaching jobs until he became commandant.

His prowess at developing champions, particularly in the javelin, is well-known, and he has developed practically every SWC record holder except the first and current titlists and for the good reason that he was not on hand when Aggie J. T. McNew set the first mark in 1917 and "Doc" O'Neill of SMU set his mark in 1938.

Col. Andy has brought five track crowns home to A&M in his years here.

When interviewed, Downs announced that he has plans for expanding the track team and increasing its efficiency so that it can properly represent such a school as A&M. He feels that with three months work the entire squad should be able to qualify for the Olympics Team.

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