

Gunman Assaults
Walter P. Reuther

DETROIT, Mich., April 21 (AP)—The CIO's Walter P. Reuther escaped death at a gunman's hand last night.

A mysterious assailant, creeping to a lighted kitchen window of the auto unionist's home, fired a shotgun blast at Reuther, inflicting serious arm and chest wounds.

Early today, as doctors reported Reuther out of danger, a battery of Detroit's police and top detectives followed slim clues in a search for one of two men in the assault.

For a time it was feared that Reuther, fiery president of the CIO's United Auto Workers, might lose his right arm, shattered by several slugs.

Reuther himself, according to prosecutor James N. McNally, blamed "Communism, Communists or a scoundrel." However, the prosecutor said Reuther "wasn't much help on what happened."

The 49-year-old red-haired, aggressive UAW leader has long been an avowed foe of Communism.

Currently his big auto union, which speaks for nearly 1,000,000 workers of the car plants, is pressing its new spring wage increase demand on the industry.

The injury to the UAW's chief left in question meanwhile the extent to which he can take part in his union's wage drive. Doctors said he would be hospitalized perhaps for weeks.

Reuther was shot a few minutes after returning home from a meeting of the UAW International Executive Board.

As he stood at a refrigerator in the breakfast nook of his home on the northwest side, a blast was fired through a window four or five feet from him.

PUSH W. O. DOUGLAS AS DEM. CANDIDATE
ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 21 (AP)—A drive to make U. S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas the Democratic Presidential candidate was launched here yesterday.

A group of University of Michigan faculty members and Ann Arbor businessmen named the justice as their choice and laid the groundwork for a nationwide "Democrats for Douglas" organization.

ISOLATE ACTINIUM FROM RADIUM
CHICAGO, April 21 (AP)—Creation from radium of a rare radioactive element never seen before was announced yesterday to the American Chemical Society.

The element is Actinium, element 89 in the periodic table. For nearly 50 years it's been known to exist in nature, but in amounts so tiny that it couldn't be concentrated.

WOOL GROWERS ASK 'LIQUIDATE US'
WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—A national wool growers association official asked Congress yesterday to pass a program to (a) encourage sheep raising or (b) to liquidate the industry.

J. M. Jones of Salt Lake City, association secretary, testified the state department apparently wants to wipe out the industry.

Efforts Should Replace Boasts, McGregor Says

"Texans need to forget that we can pivot our state at Texarkana and swing El Paso up past Chicago, and apply ourselves to doing something with our tremendous natural resources to justify our boasting," Stuart McGregor told his YMCA audience last night.

Speaking before a larger-than-usual audience nebulously by economics students, the editor of the Texas Almanac said that our state needed to make "Devil's Advocate" of all its citizens for a sufficient period of time to prevent our supplies of natural gas being depleted.

Beginning by saying that he didn't encourage bickering between the Gulf Coast region and interior of Texas, McGregor stated that each area was interdependent on the other and that anything beneficial to one was mutually helpful to the other.

"While our state has only one half of one percent of the world's gas," he said, "it has an opportunity to become a leading industrial area because of our prodigious natural resources and the excellent working conditions that are fostered by the processing of glass, alkali, cellulose, rubber, nylon, and smelting and refining."

McGregor made his strongest point of the rapid loss of our natural gas, which he termed our finest natural resource. Stating that we sell this fuel at a price equivalent to coal selling for 10 cents per ton he maintained the supply of gas would be completely exhausted in 25 years, or down to such an extent as to be too expensive for fuel in 10 years.

His suggestion for regulating this rapid exhaustion was a state tariff resembling the taxes on margarine and oil which are so effectively employed by states producing these commodities.

McGregor keyed his speech in one of his closing statements. "If our near-perfect fuel of natural gas is exhausted through misuse, our industries will collapse and leave us solely dependent on agriculture. Then both the New York and exterior regions of the state will have nothing to argue over, and nothing to support themselves as well."

Jacobs Stresses Need for Church Influence Today

Rev. Donald R. Jacobs of Bryan stressed the need for increasing religious influence in the world today as he spoke before 70 Newman Club members and 25 members of two Catholic girls' clubs Monday evening.

Rev. Jacobs warned of the evils of secularism and of the present trend to de-emphasize religion particularly in the public schools. He compared the effect of this retraction of religion from the lives of men to a ship which had set out to sea on a voyage. When only half-way to its destination, the ship lost its rudder and was then at the mercy of the sea.

In closing, Rev. Jacobs urged all people to learn to get along with their fellow-men, to love God, and to live their religion.

Two amendments to the constitution of the club concerning membership dues and election of officers were introduced, and will be voted on at the next meeting.

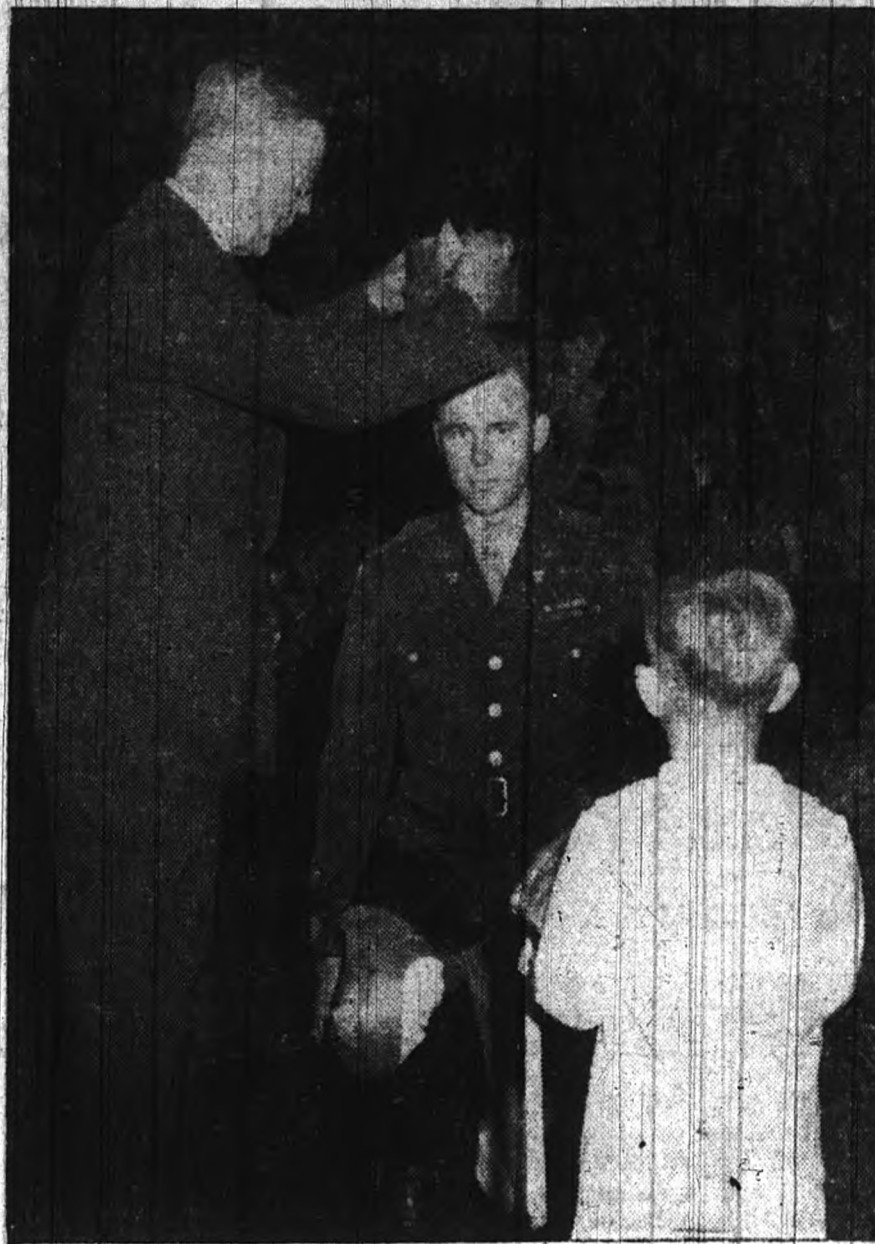
It was decided to consider the scheduled Newman Club dance with TSCW as an open dance since not enough girls from TSCW could make the trip to A&M. The dance will be held in conjunction with the All-College Dance on May 1. All members are asked to make their own arrangements concerning dates, Bob Weller, club president, stated.

Monsignor Gleissner, the Catholic Aggies' first chaplain, gave a short talk during which he displayed a certificate of membership and a pin from the honorary Newman Society for his early work with Newman Clubs.

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CORONATION—LINDSEY MURRAY, executive vice-president of the Texas Cotton Association, crowns King of Cotton WALLACE HACKLER at the Cotton Pageant.

Aggies Face Baylor Debaters Thursday

Aggie debaters will face Baylor delegates here Thursday in a series of classroom, radio, and open debates, according to Harrison E. Hieth, assistant debate coach and instructor of English.

Thursday, at 10, 1, and 2 classroom debates will be held on the subject, "Resolved, That a Federal World Government Should Be Established."

A&M students taking part in this round of debates are Jim Stephens, Chuck Catamiss, Joe Fuller, A. J. Shepherd, Milton Abelov and Cotton Howell.

Tomorrow afternoon from 4 to 4:30 students from both schools will debate over WTAW on the subject, "Resolved, That Truman Should Be Elected President in 1948."

William S. Downard and John L. Taylor, representing A&M, will argue the affirmative, while Baylor debaters Wallace Finkoff and David Heinlein will take the negative.

A dinner honoring Baylor debaters will be held at 6 p. m. in the Aggie land Inn.

Thursday evening at 7:30 two squads will meet in the YMCA Assembly Room. Subject of debate will be "Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Require Arbitration of Labor Disputes in All Basic American Industries."

Aggies C. W. Howard Jr. and William F. Bumpus will argue the affirmative, and Baylor debaters Jimmy Thornton and Ted Fair will take the negative.

Karl E. Elmquist is Aggie debate coach, and Professor Glenn R. Camp coaches the Baylor team. Hieth made the arrangements for the debates.

Fish, Game Club To Hear Speakers

J. L. Baughman, chief marine biologist of Texas, and Dr. Thomas Scott, wildlife research unit leader of Iowa, will speak to the Fish and Game Club Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Baughman has worked on the Texas coast for many years and for the last three years has been chief marine biologist of Texas. While serving in his present capacity, he has written many articles and has made improvements in marine research methods.

Aggies Gather World Over Today To Observe Traditional Muster

By CHARLIE MURRAY
Aggies the world over will gather at designated places today to celebrate San Jacinto Day, the anniversary of Texas independence.

Observance of the Aggie Muster on the campus will take place between 6 and 6:30 p. m. today in front of the Administration Building. The program, planned by the Student Senate, will be broadcast over the Texas Quality Network,

and some stations will carry transcriptions of the campus Muster later this evening.

Following a Cadet Corps review on the main drill field this afternoon, students and residents of College Station will gather for the Muster ceremony.

The Aggie Band's rendition of "The Mad Major" will open this afternoon's program. Corps Chaplain Cliff Harris will deliver the invocation, and John Stiles will present the April 21 Tradition.

The Singing Cadets will sing "The Twelfth Man," after which A. E. "Red" Hinman, president of the Former Students Association, will address the group.

The Aggie Band will then play "The Elder Statesman" to be followed by an address by Chaplain Sam Hill. After "The Spirit of Aggie land," Charles Harrison will read the Roll Call for the Muster.

A volley by the Ross Volunteer squad, Silver Taps, and "Auld Lang Syne" will complete the program.

The Aggie Muster tradition began on April 21, 1903. When hand-master Tyrrells failed to blow "Recall" after sounding "Call to Classes," a near riot followed. At that time April 21 was a traditional holiday on the campus.

Three hundred irate students, then the entire corps, marched in orderly fashion through Old Main to the home of President David F. Houston. The students insisted that some observance be given the anniversary of Texas independence.

The campus battle ended in a draw—students, returning to classes after lunch, vowed that the greatest day in Texas history should never again be forgotten by A&M.

Since 1903 the tradition has grown steadily in strength and spirit.

On April 21, 1942, twenty-five A&M men mustered in the din recesses of Corregidor. Fifteen days later "The Rock" fell.

One year later, at Guadalcanal, an Aggie Muster was announced unceremoniously by a visit from Tojo's troops.

In 1946 General Douglas MacArthur was asked to speak at the Corregidor Muster.

Unable to attend, General MacArthur sent the following tribute to be read at the gathering: "In the harrowed soil lie the mortal remains of many men who have died that liberty might live. Among the bravest of these brave are twenty officers, sons of Texas A&M, unable themselves to answer this year's annual muster. It is for us, therefore, to do so for them—to answer for them in honor and firm voice—Dear, on battleswept Corregidor where the eternal spirit will never die but will march on forever, inspiring in those who follow the courage and the will to preserve well that for which they bled.

"Of them and those of their fellow alumni who lie in hallowed soil of other lands and those who survive them, may it truly be said that in the noble teachings of their Alma Mater—in the tradition of the great American leader, Sam Houston, who this day, one hundred and ten years ago, waded Texas from foreign domination by defeating Santa Anna on the historic battlefield of San Jacinto—they stood steadfast, unyielding and unafraid through those dark days of our country's gravest peril—and by inspiring example helped point the way."

DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR
Captain J. T. Danahers of Garwood, Texas was president of the Manila Texas A&M Club at the time the 1946 Muster was held.

Great Issue Class To Hear Dr. Ellis

Consultant On Adult Education To Talk On 'Knowing Propaganda'

Dr. A. Caswell Ellis will speak on the subject "How to Think Straight and Recognize Propaganda" in another of the 'Great Issues' lecture series to be held at 8 p. m. tonight in Room 301, Electrical Engineering Building.

Dr. S. R. Gammon, chairman of the 'Great Issues' course said that this fourth lecture of the series is open to the general public.

During the Thursday morning meeting of the Issues Class, Dr. Ellis will answer any questions brought about by his Wednesday night lecture and will take part in any other class discussion.

At present time Dr. Ellis is associated with Extension Service of the University of Texas. He serves as consultant on adult education for the Extension Service and is on the University's lecture staff.

Best known for his writings in the field of textbooks on education; farm life and child psychology, Dr. Ellis is a prolific author. His best known book "Fundamentals of Farming and Farm Life" is used as a text and reference throughout the nation.

Dr. Ellis studied at the University of Berlin in 1905 and 1906 and received his doctor's degree at Clark University. He served on the Texas University faculty as professor of pedagogy from 1897 to 1903. At the age of 77 he is still mentally and physically active and travels and lectures extensively throughout the Southwest each year.

The speaker gained a great amount of educational experience and prestige during his term as director of Cleveland College. When Dr. Robert E. Vinson, former president of the University of Texas, was called to Western Reserve University as president, Dr. Ellis accompanied him to serve as director of the downtown affiliate of Cleveland.

During Dr. Ellis's term Cleveland College developed from the role of a minor part of the Western Reserve system to one of the largest divisions of the system.

A member of Council of the American Association for Adult Education, American Association of University Professors, and the American Council of Education, Dr. Ellis has been listed in "Who's Who in Education" since 1922 where he is best noted for his work in adult education.

Speaking of Dr. Ellis's visit to the campus, Dr. T. D. Brooks said, "He is one of the most forward looking men that we have in the field of education. He is a stimulating speaker."

Lloyd Berryman reported on a meeting of the Lufkin Kiwanis Club last week which he attended.

Self Service Laundry Will Open Friday

A new laundromat will be opened here Friday to serve the residents of College Station and vicinity.

Earl C. Cunningham, who was in the class of '40, has completed installation of 20 Westinghouse Laundromats and two extractors in the P. F. Sorsares Building, one-half block east of College View on the farm highway.

Cunningham plans to install individual driers as soon as they are available. There will be no charge made for the soap used in the machines since Cunningham will furnish a special soap produced by the Monsanto Chemical Company especially for use in automatic washers.

The soap is the product of research by the company to find the most suitable cleaning compound for these washers.

The laundry will be of the self-service type, and a system of appointments will eliminate any waiting on the part of the customers.

The machines, all coin operated, will take a full nine pound load for 30 cents. Cunningham stated that a starching service will also be available for those who wish to make use of it.

The laundromat will be open from 7:30 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. A lounge will be provided and a play area for children has been established.

Cunningham, who is originally from Waco, is married and has two children, both girls. He served in World War II as a captain in an automatic weapons battalion.

VA Revises Policy; Officials to Care For Disabled Vets

The Veterans Administration today relieved its Training Officers of all responsibility for the direct supervision of 250,000 non-disabled World War II veterans in training under the GI Bill in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

The change will permit VA's Training Officers to devote more time to the needs of the 30,000 disabled veterans in training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act in the same tri-state area. The law gives VA full responsibility for the training of these veterans.

In suspending supervision of GI Bill trainees by direct contact, VA called on all state approval agencies, schools and training establishments to meet fully their obligations under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. The VA will look to state approving agencies to approve only schools and establishments that are fully qualified and equipped to give good courses of instruction and are otherwise satisfactory on the basis of current inspections.

The VA will make spot checks of veterans in GI Bill programs, to safeguard the veterans' rights to adequate training and to prevent possible fraud against the Government. This new supervision policy varies among the different types of training institutions. However, no change was made among colleges and universities which already have the responsibility to supervise all veteran-students they enroll.

VA will use periodic conduct and progress reports and spot checks to supervise ex-servicemen and women in other schools and in job training establishments. Spot checks will be used in supervising veterans taking institutional on-farm training.

3 Architects Win Design Contest

Students third-year architectural students have been awarded prizes for designing a community center building at Bertram.

Funeral Services For Lt. Drake To Be This Afternoon

Dean W. L. Penberthy and Henry R. Posthast, Class of '38, left this morning to attend the funeral of First Lieutenant Kyle Drake, Jr. The funeral will be held at 3 p. m. this afternoon in Alice, Texas.

He attended A&M from 1939 until 1943 taking courses in agriculture. He was active in intramurals, and while serving as intramural manager of the 8th Company, his outfit won in flag football during the summer and fall of 1943 and 1944.

Drake was awarded a freshman football letter in 1939 and 1940. He played varsity football in 1940-41 but did not letter.

He was killed on Iwo Jima, March 6, 1945 while serving with the Marine Corps. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Drake of Laredo; one brother, Mike; and two sisters.

'A' Composite Wins Regiment Review

"A" Composite was named winner of the Fourth Regimental Parade held on April 15. Lt. Colonel W. S. McElhenry, executive officer, announced yesterday.

Second place honors were won by "B" Engineers. In third place was "C" Composite with "A" Engineers placing fourth place.

Vet Hospital Will Vaccinate Dogs

All dog owners in the College Station area may have their dogs vaccinated at the Veterinary Hospital. Dr. G. T. Edds, professor of veterinary physiology and pharmacology, said yesterday.

A dog requires one injection each year but two vaccinations are safer, Dr. Edds said. After vaccination the owner is issued a certificate of vaccination which may be presented to the city in exchange for a city license. They are the requirements according to law for securing a license, Dr. Edds emphasized.

Under a present local city ordinance, dogs without collars showing that they have been vaccinated for rabies will be destroyed within 24 hours.

Panhandle Club Meets Thursday

The Panhandle Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in Room 228, Academic Building, J. D. Vaughn, president, announced.

Plans will be made for a stag party to be held next month. He urged that all members be present.

Freshman Ball Saturday Night In Shisa Hall

The Freshman Class will hold its annual ball in Shisa Hall, Saturday night, April 24, Dave Goslett, chairman of the publicity committee, announced yesterday. The ball will be held from 8 p. m. until 12.

During the dance, the Freshman Class Sweetheart will be selected from six nominees. The names of the nominees will not be released until the ball, Goslett said. A full page picture of the winner will be carried in the 1948 Longhorn.

A quartet, individual singers, and an act will be the entertainment during intermission. The Aggie land Orchestra will furnish the music for the dance.

Tickets are being offered for sale on the campus by N. R. Leatherwood in Dormitory 9, and Bob Ruble and Carol Davis in Hart Hall. The cost of tickets, stag or drag, is \$2.

Coslett said that all corps seniors and all other classified seniors are invited as paying guests.

Interracial Group Presents Report

A report on the work of the Interracial Committee was given by M. L. Cashion and Daniel Russell at the luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club Tuesday.

The committee, looking to the betterment of the Negro, was organized in the south, the speakers pointed out. "Each community is urged to settle its own racial problems," Russell pointed out.

"We can correct racial relations if they are strained by our own resources," Cashion said. He recited several instances of cooperative work by whites and negroes.

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In more somber vein the cadets sang "Glory to God," "Carol of the Bells," "This is My County," "Heavenly Light," "The Lost Chord," (solo by Perkins) and "Auld Lang Syne," the last of which will be sung again during Muster service tonight.

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