

EUROPEAN ECONOMY GAINS UNDER MARSHALL PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Western Europe's economy has made important gains under the Marshall Plan, the staff of the joint congressional committee on economic cooperation formally reported today.

But it is "difficult to determine" to what extent the accomplishments to date "represent a real unification of Western Europe," the staff report said.

Senator Smith (R-N.J.), acting committee chairman, said the report will be used as a work sheet by the joint senate-house group in making its own report to Congress on the nation's multi-billion dollar foreign spending programs.

3,200 ESTIMATED DEAD IN CHINA SHIP EXPLOSION

SHANGHAI, Dec. 6.—(AP)—More than 3,200 Chinese were estimated dead or missing last night in the explosion of an overcrowded refugee ship in the Yangtze Estuary.

Lack of passenger records made possible only the roughest figures. The exact toll never will be known. Even approximate accuracy, however, ranks the disaster as the greatest in modern maritime history, including single-ship casualties of major wars.

The 2,099-ton steamer Kiangya sailed from Shanghai Friday for Ninghsien (Ningpo), 200 miles down the coast. It exploded about 10 p. m. Friday and sank within an hour, all available survivors agreed. Cause of the explosion was not known. Guesses ranged from Communist sabotage to a floating mine or possibly overtaxed boilers.

The loss was not discovered until Saturday morning, when a passing coastal ship sighted the funnel and a bit of wrecked superstructure protruding above the shallow water.

AUTO INDUSTRY BACK IN HIGH GEAR AGAIN

DETROIT, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The auto industry got back into high production ground again this week despite the closing of some Chevrolet assembly lines for model change-over.

United States factories built approximately 118,000 cars and trucks. Ward's Automotive reports estimated the total at 138,974 vehicles; automotive news put the figure at 117,959. Last week, with a holiday and some seasonal shortages interrupting assembly lines, about 83,000 cars and trucks were built in the United States.

This week's assemblies included an increasing number of Buick, Cadillac and Oldsmobile 1949 models. Most details of these new models already have been disclosed, although Oldsmobile will not be formally introduced until Dec. 13.

Still to come are the 1949 Chevrolet and Pontiac models. While there will be previews for dealers and industry executives formal public presentation will not be made until Jan. 20 to 25, when General Motors will make a complete showing of all new cars at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

SEARCH FOR PLANE REACHES LOUISIANA

HOUSTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—An air search for a private plane, missing since November 18, is to be extended into Louisiana.

Capt. James E. Nelson, air force rescue unit officer at Ellington Field, today said the search will be extended, weather permitting, to include an area bounded by Waco, Houston, the Gulf Coast, New Orleans and Shreveport.

Documents of the plane are believed to have been Mrs. and Mrs. Warren W. York, and their pilot, Joel Ritter, all of Allentown, Pa.

Nelson, stationed at Biggs Field, El Paso, is directing the search from Ellington Field, near Houston.

The plane was enroute from Mineral Wells, Texas, to New Orleans.

POLICE SEARCH FOR MANHATTAN KILLER

MANHATTAN, N. Y., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Kansas officers today located a soldier who was quoted as saying he was headed for Texas to kill a doctor.

They wanted him on a charge of kidnaping Mrs. Harrison K. Clark, wife of a Kansas State college student, late Wednesday night.

Sheriff B. E. Decker said Mrs. Clark related that the man forced her at the point of a knife to get her car. After she had the tank filled with gasoline, the man gave her a dollar and told her to go home in a taxi.

What's Cooking

AMATEUR RO CLUB, 7:00 p. m., Monday, Electrical Engineering Building.

COMPOSITE GROUP, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Petroleum Lecture Room.

GEOLOGY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Petroleum Lecture Room.

NEWMAN CLUB meeting 7:15 p. m., Monday, C.E. Lecture Room.

SAM WIVES, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, YMCA.

SAN ANTONIO CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Room 203, Academic Building.

SPANISH CLUB meeting 7:00 p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, Room 123, Academic Bldg., pictures for Longhorn, new members invited.

VOLLEYBALL CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Monday, Little Gym. Trip to San Antonio will be discussed.

WACO-McLENNAN COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Monday, Room 301, Goodwin Hall.



The MELODY MAIDS, Beaumont choral group, entertained a group of more than a thousand Aggies Saturday night in Guion Hall with popular and traditional songs.

On Sale Today . . .

'Lighthearted History' Opens 1949 Aggie Calender Edition

By C. C. MUNROE

This is the top close to the saloons of Bryan. We'll have to go further out. With those words a group of Texas legislators moved "further out" and then staked out what is now the site of A&M. These words also introduce "Aggeland Forever," a "lighthearted history" of A&M that makes up



The Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers, conducted by Serge Jaroff will appear in Guion Hall Tuesday night. This will be a Town Hall performance.

Prairie View Has Its Day Of Glory

By VICK LINDLEY

There is another A&M College in Texas, situated about 50 miles down the SP tracks from College Station. Prairie View A&M, land-grant college for Texas Negroes, a member school of the Texas A&M System, had its big day of glory last Friday, when Dr. E. B. Evans was inaugurated as first president of the school. (Previous administrators have been styled principals.)

As stocky Dr. Evans, in cap and gown, received inaugural congratulations from Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor of the system, news cameras flashed and newsmen cameras whirred. Many of the cameras belonged to state newspapers and national syndicates; others, including the newsreel machines, belonged to the Negro press, which sent representatives from as far away as Chicago and Pittsburgh.

Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute and a former pupil of Dr. Evans at Prairie View, was principal speaker at the inauguration. "The time will come when all American educational institutions will admit students without regard to race," he said. "But that day is not yet. When it comes, such strong institutions as Prairie View will be needed to carry the increasing load."

Dr. Evans, in accepting the responsibility as president, pledged himself to a policy of "animated moderation" of fellowship on the one hand, and leadership on the other.

Dr. Evans, though first president of Prairie View, is eighth head of the institution, which was founded in 1876 and became part of A&M in 1879. His immediate predecessor W. R. Banks who retired in 1946, was among those participating in the inauguration.

The new president, who grew up in Galveston, has been at Prairie View since shortly after his graduation, as a doctor of veterinary medicine, from Iowa State College in 1916.

the first portion of the 1949 Aggie calendar which goes on sale today to the student body. Sponsored by the senior class and the office of student activities, this year's calendar is a radical change from the first desk type calendar published last year.

From the photograph of a color guard on the front of the maroon leather cover to the address book in the back, the 1949 edition is not only a handy reminder pad, but a "book" that every Aggie, past and present, will want to read.

The first 15 pages are devoted to "Aggeland Forever," and as a history of A&M the story by Wick Van Kouvenhoven condenses all the "sound and fury" of the college's wild past into what is almost required reading. The story includes the highlights of many of the traditions of the school, and gives little known facts of some of the more "troubled" times which A&M has known. It is written in a style that won't let the reader put it down until the final tribute to A&M graduates.

Each page of the history is decorated with a photograph of some phase of college life, and a sketch accompanies each bit of history.

The calendar section is a complete change from last year's publication. Printed in bright maroon, each day has a space for making notes. And the entire section is laid out in an attractive and useful way that makes it much easier to locate particular days than the 1948 calendar afforded.

The entire calendar is bound in maroon leather, and on the cover is a large Kodachrome photograph of a color guard. The Academic Building serves as a background for the colorful scene.

The insert containing the history and the calendar pages is not bound to the cover, but is attached with a combination loose leaf and spiral binding.

Proceeds from the sale of the 1949 Aggie calendar will go to the Senior Class and to student activities. It is being sold in the corps area by company commanders on a non-commission basis.

Commission jobs of the non-copied area are available first to the corps seniors who are selling without commission in their own outfits and then to any student who wants the job.

The four corps seniors selling the most calendars will be given prizes of \$50, \$25, \$15, and \$10 dollars. Half of the prize money will go to the company fund of the salesman, and half will go to the man selling the calendars.

Sales at the annex will be made Monday night by corps seniors on a volunteer basis, while day students who are not contacted by salesman may buy their copies at the student activities office.

Several A&M Mother's Clubs have ordered copies of the 1949 calendar for gifts, and already orders are being received from Aggies throughout the country and even from overseas for copies.

The price of the calendars this year has been set at \$1.50. After the sales are made by regular salesmen, they will be played at George's and Casey's and in the Exchange Store for the benefit of those men who wish to buy extra copies.

A canvass of faculty offices will be made by salesmen to make the calendar available to any of the school staff that wishes to buy one.

Don Kasper, president of the Senior Class, and Roy Blanton, school secretary, are in charge of sales.

College Station Leads Texas In Recent Health Inspection

Pike to Discuss Problems Of Atomic Energy

Dr. Sumner T. Pike, one of the five members of the Atomic Energy Commission, will address the faculty and graduate students this evening in the Physics Lecture Room at 8 o'clock. The subject of Dr. Pike's address will be "Problems in the Field of Atomic Energy."

Dr. Pike was appointed by the president of the United States to the Atomic Energy Commission. He is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, American Statistical Association, and American Geological Society.

In addition to his wide experience in the fields of engineering and economics, Dr. Pike was vice-president of the Equipment Sales Company in Dallas. He served as financial employee and secretary of the Continental Insurance Company from 1923 to 1928. From 1928 to 1938 he served as vice-president and director of Case, Pomeroy, and Company in New York.

Dr. Pike has also served as advisor to the U. S. Secretary of Commerce and as director of the Fuel Price Division of the OPA.

The Graduate School and the Sigma Xi Club are jointly sponsoring the lecture.

Senate Will Meet To Discuss Change Of Longhorn Name

The Student Senate will have a special meeting Thursday to discuss a possible change of the Longhorn name. Charles Kirkham, president of the Senate, has announced.

Senators have been requested by Kirkham to poll at least 20 percent of their dormitory or area with a minimum of 50 people contacted to determine Student Body opinion.

He requested also that the senators ask those who are in favor of a name change to give a list of suggested names to the senators. Kirkham urged all students to make a point of expressing their sentiment to their senators so the senators would know what to do.

The Student Senate will express its opinion on the matter in the form of a recommendation to the Student Life Committee.

47 Beautiful Girls . . .

Music And Applause Fill Guion Hall As Melody Maids Give Third Concert

By C. C. MUNROE

Forty seven beautiful and talented ambassadors of song assembled on the stage of Guion Hall Saturday night and treated a thousand Aggies to more than an hour of the best in popular and traditional music.

The Melody Maids of Beaumont, making their third appearance at A&M, thoroughly pleased the enthusiastic crowd. With music which ranged from the light classics to current favorites, the group more than fulfilled the promises of their advance billings and it was only at the request of Miss Eloise Milam, the director, that the applause was cut off between numbers.

There were several performances which stood out. Nell Ray, a talented and accomplished soprano; Dolores Warner, a pleasing contralto; and Pat Mullen, who would be an asset to any big time band, all were greeted with applause for their solos such as is seldom heard in Guion for a non-professional singing group.

The curtain rose on the 47 Melody Maids, all of whom were dressed in evening gowns of red and white, and for more than an hour they filled Guion Hall with their songs.

A group of Christmas songs opened the program, and as "Sweet Bells of Christmas," "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," and "Sil-

Copeland's Confectionery Leads With 100; 90.6 is Average for Local Establishments

College Station has become the first Texas City to attain a score of ninety or above under the United States Public Health Service Eating and Drinking Establishment Code, according to J. F. Lackey, Director of the Bureau of Food and Drugs of the State Health Department.

Survey officers of the State Health Department made an inspection of the eating

Tau Beta Pi To Hold Initiation Here Wednesday

Eighty undergraduates and two graduates will become members of Tau Beta Pi, Texas Delta, Wednesday night at 5:30 in Sbsia Hall. The A&M Chapter will be holding its second initiation and banquet of the current semester, but this marks the first time that the society has taken in new members since its installation here last October.

Special permission granting a second election was obtained from National Headquarters when the Chapter's officers and faculty advisors deemed it necessary. The move was made to honor the large number of eligible graduating seniors.

Initiates will be required to report to the south steps of Sbsia Hall at 5 p. m. Wednesday for instructions on the initiation which is to begin at 5:30. Following this ceremony, the banquet will be held in the banquet room of Sbsia Hall, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Members may bring guests to the banquet.

Oilman to Address Geology Club

Carleton D. Speed, Jr., 26, president of the Speed Oil Company, will speak at a meeting of the Geology Club Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Petroleum Lecture Room, Herbert Davis, vice-president of the club, announced.

Speed received a degree in geology at A&M and has gained wide experience with the Plymouth Oil Company and the Petroleum Development Committee in Washington, D. C., Davis said.

Davis stated that Speed's topic would be "Foreign versus Domestic Development." He asked that all seniors be present since this subject is of vital interest to them.



DR. SUMNER T. PIKE of the Atomic Energy Commission will discuss "Problems in the Field of Atomic Energy" here December 6.

Mayor Langford To Attend City Officials' Meet

Mayor Ernest Langford of College Station will attend a meeting in Houston next Thursday, called by Mayor Oscar Holcombe.

Mayor Holcombe has asked the mayors and city officials of this part of the state to meet with him and discuss problems common to their cities and towns.

A statewide committee, divided into senatorial district groups, has been formed to keep abreast of the needs of their cities and towns in their areas. Mayor Langford is chairman of this (14th) senatorial district.

Meeting with the Houston mayor Thursday will be Langford, Mills P. Walker, city manager, Bryan; C. D. Dallmeier, mayor, Brenham; R. A. Toler, city manager, Giddings and others.

DE GASPERI APPROVED

ROME, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Italy's Chamber of Deputies voted confidence in Premier Alcide De Gasperi's government Saturday night by a 162-vote majority.

places of College Station late in November and have announced that the average College Station rating was 90.6.

The individual ratings given eating establishments on the campus and in College Station are as follows:

Copeland's Confectionery	100
Black's Pharmacy	98
White Way Cafe	98
Campus Corner	94
Madeley's Pharmacy	94
Ray's Snack Bar	93
Sbsia Hall	92
Campus Sandwich Shop	92
Aggeland Inn	92
Snack Bar	92
Annes Mess Hall	91
Smith's Grill	90
Aggeland Pharmacy	90
Duncan Hall	89
Nisbett's Cafe	88
The Cave	86
Lipscomb's Pharmacy	85
Pop Kadden's Stand	85
Nita's	82
A&M Grill	72

The Public Health Service Code is a recommended ordinance, establishing standards of grading eating and drinking establishments. The City of College Station, has adopted this code as a city ordinance and the Board of Directors of the College has adopted a sanitary code which embodies the essential features of the Public Health Service Code.

Regular monthly inspections are made here by representatives of the Brazos County Health Unit and the college and the city enforcement is based on these inspections.

Lackey said that "the credit for this fine record should go to the operators of cafes, restaurants, and drug stores who have cooperated wholeheartedly with the inspectors and also to the officials of College Station and A&M who have rigidly enforced the city ordinance and sanitary code of the college."

Circulation Man Needed by Batt

A student with all afternoons off is needed to work in the Circulation Department of The Battalion, Roland Bing, manager of Student Publications, has announced.

"The student must have an automobile," Bing said. Students interested may contact Bing in Room 209, Goodwin Hall.

It is had not been for lack of time, Miss Mullen would probably still be singing, for with her style, her voice, and Pat herself, she was the outstanding success of the outstanding show. The same was true when the group presented their concert at the Annex; for again, she was called for an encore.

"Tos for Two" was the next selection, and then as the stage lights dimmed, Miss Milam, the director, stepped to the front to sing "Now Is the Hour" the closing number. At this end the audience again had to be quiet by Miss Milam, who explained that despite the applause, the girls had to park for their trip to the Annex.

"If you want us back again," she explained, "I will have to be next spring. For we do have to leave now." Judging from the audience's applause, the Melody Maids will be back, but it will be a long wait till spring.

As the lights were dimmed and the curtains parted, the Melody Maids swung into that portion of their program devoted to favorites of today and recent years. The Maids appearing in shimmering, spangled dresses which were highlighted by ever changing colored spotlights, sang a medley of two smooth songs—"Dream" and "The Touch of Your Hand."

Next the light, swinging "Manhattan Serenade" was followed by a trio made up of the three soloists singing "Where or When." This was greeted with deafening applause, but because of the time limitation a no-encore was given.

A tango, "Love Is You" provided a contrast for the number which followed, the haunting "Deep Purple." Then, changing from the popular to the semi-classical, Nell Ray, exhibiting a gracious poise together with promising talent, sang the beautiful "Romance."

"Somebody Loves Me" was the next selection and from the applause of the audience, it was evident that the crowd loved the whole show. Again the applause had to be cut short as the girls sang "I Got Rhythm." Dolores Warner was again featured as soloist with "I See Your Face Before Me," followed by "In The Still of the Night."

Pat Mullen then stepped to the